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Department of Social Services Mission Statement

To maintain or improve the quality of life for the people of the state of Missouri by providing the best possible services to the public, with respect, responsiveness and accountability, which will enable individuals and families to better fulfill their potential.

Child Fatality Review Program Mission Statement

To promote more accurate identification and reporting of childhood fatalities, through local child fatality review panels, which will enable development of prevention strategies to address identified trends and patterns of risk, and improve coordination of services for the children and families of the state of Missouri.

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MISSOURI CHILD FATALITY REVIEW PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

In 1989, a cooperative study conducted by the Departments of Social Services and Health and the University of Missouri found that a significant number of child deaths (birth through age five) were not being accurately reported. The study revealed the causes of death were also not being adequately investigated or identified. As a result, a task force was appointed in August 1990 by Gary Stangler, Director of the Department of Social Services, to further study child fatalities. The task force made recommendations that became the basis for House Bill 185 (HB 185) which established a statewide, county-based system of child fatality review panels. This bill passed and became law (RSMo 210.192) effective August 28, 1991, and was implemented on January 1, 1992.

The law requires that every county in Missouri, and the City of St. Louis, establish a multi-disciplinary Child Fatality Review Program (CFRP) panel to examine the deaths that occur in Missouri of all children from birth through age 14. Effective January 1, 1995, the program population was expanded to include children through age 17. Under CFRP, counties have been grouped into regions, with regional coordinators (who live and have primary jobs in the regions they represent). Regional coordinators offer oversight, technical assistance and systematic evaluation to the counties in their region. The State Technical Assistance Team (STAT) assists the regions and the individual CFRP panels with training and investigative assistance. An appointed state panel, whose membership reflects the multi-disciplinary nature of the county panels, provides oversight and makes recommendations for change and refinement.

The law established a mechanism for the legal exchange of information between cooperating disciplines and agencies. If the death of a child meets specific criteria, it is referred to the county's CFRP panel. Unlike an inquest, no vote or consensus of opinion is sought at the conclusion of the panel review. Deaths reviewed by CFRP panels do not constitute an attempt to criminalize child deaths. Rather, the panels examine reasons for child deaths and ways to prevent them.

CFRP panels consist of local community professionals who attempt to identify the causes and circumstances surrounding the deaths of children by bringing their own expertise and skills to the review. The value of the panel's work is measured by the improvement in the services provided by the individual participating disciplines. The collection and interpretation of findings of a comprehensive review of child fatalities by each county can be used to determine trends, target prevention strategies, identify specific family/community needs or, when appropriate, support criminal justice intervention. The findings of each CFRP panel review are sent to STAT where they become valuable, retrievable statistics linked to birth and death data, as well as reports to the Division of Family Services, Child Abuse/Neglect hotline.

Identification of reasons for child deaths can lead to possible prevention methods. However, specific case details are never divulged or discussed beyond review. Reviews are not open to the public. Each panel and its members are advocates for the health and welfare of every child in their community; this

includes the reasonable preservation of privacy.

Regional in-service training is conducted annually. Individual panel training, both scheduled and upon county request, is provided as necessary. STAT also makes CFRP-related presentations to professional and community/civic organizations.

STATE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM

Beginning as an implementation team for the Child Fatality Review Program, the State Technical Assistance Team (STAT) is a children's response unit of integrated, managed services. STAT's programs and partnerships enhance child protection at the community level while being minimally intrusive to victims, families and others. An organized, coordinated and timely evaluation of a child's death is a benefit to every level of the investigative process. The Missouri model is based on concurrent panel review versus retrospective review as a means of positively reinforcing each involved discipline's mandates.

To address the volume and complexity of child death-related issues in the major urban areas (Jackson County, St. Louis County and St. Louis City), individual urban models were created to address special requirements. While these panels do not have individual meetings for each death, they have information gathering and communication systems that, in fact, make their reviews immediate and concurrent.

Because the demands of the three major urban panels are so great, the Division of Family Services provides full-time staffing to support their efforts. The Urban Case Coordinator (UCC) positions were created with the sole purpose of assisting the urban panels to meet their program objectives. Beyond offering staff assistance to the panels, the UCC coordinates community services and programs to benefit children and families and to reduce initial and repeat fatalities in the highest risk settings. This follow-up approach encourages the integration and coordination of services from the entire spectrum of community agencies.

Beyond the fatality and sexual abuse programs, STAT is perceived by many as an "omni-source" of information for the entire multi-disciplinary community of professionals dealing with child abuse and neglect events. The unit includes seven centralized positions (unit manager, technical investigator, four field investigators and one clerical position) and three "outposted" Urban Case Coordinators. The responsibilities of the unit are described below:

- Implement, support and institutionalize the Child Fatality Review Program (RSMo 210.192).
 - Develop and support an efficient and effective delivery system (regional coordinators, urban case coordinators, state child fatality review panel, etc.).
 - Train and maintain 115 county-based child fatality review panels.
 - Provide services and assistance to the panels and individual panel members when requested.
 - Collect information and data to identify patterns posing risks to children.

- Encourage communities, organizations and agencies to develop deterrent and prevention strategies to reduce injuries and child fatalities.
- Organize and develop multi-disciplinary teams to investigate serious sexual abuse involving children (HB 1370 RSMo 660.520, 210.110 et seq).
 - Organize and train multi-disciplinary teams throughout the state.
 - Provide expertise and direct assistance in cases meeting criteria for involvement.
- Be an accessible and responsive information resource (24 hours a day, 365 days a year, via 800 number, pagers, on-call investigators) to the entire investigative community including DFS, law enforcement, coroner/medical examiners, prosecutors, juvenile court staff, and health professionals.
 - Answer specific procedural questions relative to the child fatality and sexual abuse programs.
 - Provide referral, technical and informational support (literature searches, medical consults, prosecution support, etc.) concerning all types of child maltreatment including physical abuse and other incidents outside the fatality and sexual abuse programs. STAT recognizes that many child fatalities are the end result of uninterrupted patterns of abuse and neglect.
 - Utilize data gathered from actual cases to demonstrate the predictability and preventability of childhood injuries and fatalities through awareness programs and training.

Missouri Incident Fatalities

During 1997, 1,201 children less than 18 years of age died in Missouri (Figure 1) down slightly from the previous year. Of those, 1,094 were determined to be Missouri incident fatalities and therefore subject to review. The majority of deaths (600) had a clear, unsuspicious cause and were not referred for further review. Four hundred eighty-seven deaths had an indication for review, and of those 100% were reviewed by panels.

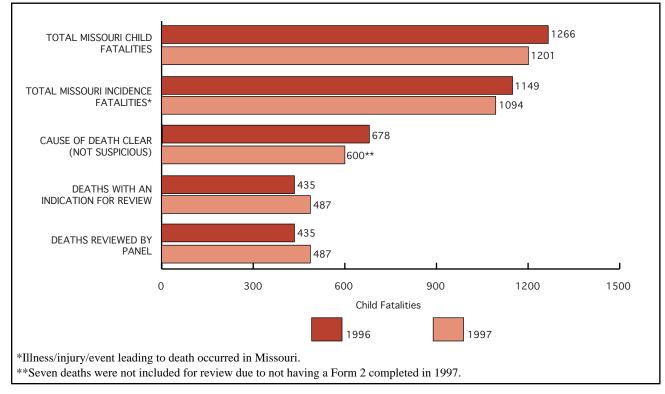


Figure 1. Missouri Child Fatalities vs. Missouri Incident Fatalities

During 1996 and 1997, the majority of Missouri incident fatalities involved children less than one year of age (Figure 2).

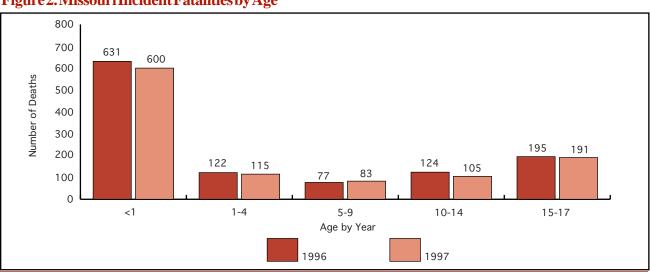


Figure 2. Missouri Incident Fatalities by Age

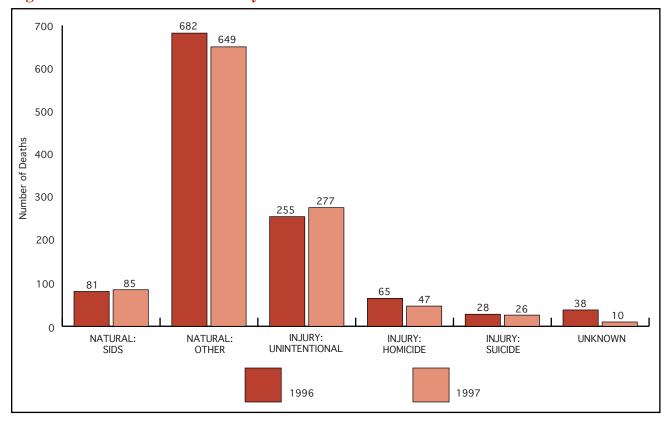
The proportion of males to females, as well as the racial proportion, remained relatively constant between 1996 and 1997 (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Missouri Incident Fatalities by Sex and Race

SEX	1996	1997
FEMALE	458	447
MALE	691	645
UNKNOWN	0	2
•	1,149	1,094

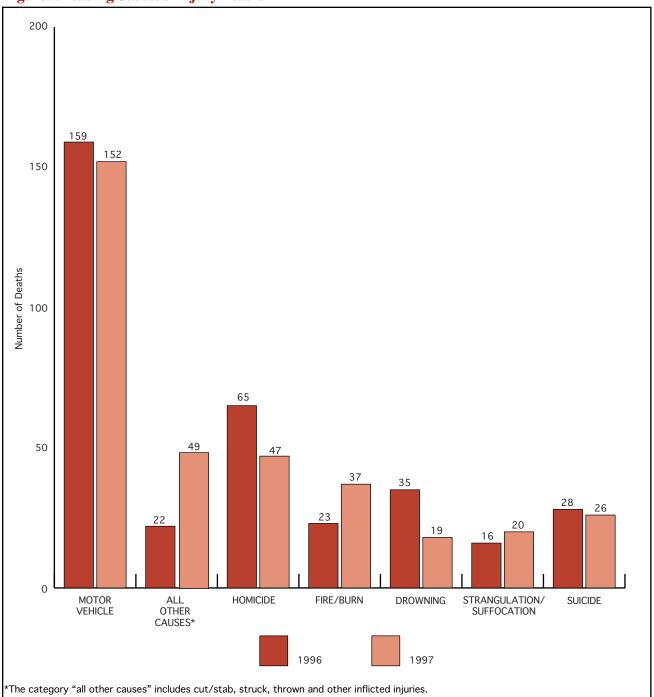
Sixty-seven percent (734) of all deaths in 1997 were the result of natural causes. This is relatively the same as 1996 when 66% (763) of all deaths were the result of natural causes (Figure 4). Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) was the cause of 85 deaths in 1997 representing 12% of natural cause deaths and 8% of all deaths. Homicides in 1997 (47) (4%) were down sharply from 1996 (65) (6%) representing a 28 percent decrease.

Figure 4. Missouri Incident Fatalities by Cause



Injuries were the cause of 350 deaths in 1997 (32%) compared to 348 deaths in 1996 (30%). Motor vehicle injuries were the leading cause of death in 1997 (152) (43%) and 1996 (159) (46%). Homicides decreased by 28 percent from 65 in 1996 to 47 in 1997 (Figure 5).

Figure 5. Leading Causes of Injury Deaths



As shown in Figure 6, illness/natural cause deaths peaked at 65 in January, February, and December in 1997 compared to the peak in 1996 of 73 deaths in March. Motor vehicle fatalities peaked at 23 in June of 1997 compared to the peak in 1996 of 26 deaths in August. SIDS peaked at 13 in March of 1997 compared to the peak in 1996 of 12 in September. Homicides peaked at 9 in October of 1997 compared to the peak in 1996 of 10 in August.

Figure 6. Causes of Death by Month of Death

	_	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
ILLNESS/NATURAL	1996	5 2	5 0	7 3	5 6	4 7	4 6	6 9	6 3	5 7	5 9	5 4	5 6	682
CAUSE DEATHS	1997	6 5	6 5	5 5	5 7	5 4	4 9	4 8	4 2	4 7	5 4	4 8	6 5	6 4 9
SIDS	1996	6	7	4	8	3	7	4	9	1 2	7	9	5	8 1
	1997	6	5	1 3	4	9	2	6	8	4	1 0	7	1 1	8 5
MOTOR VEHICLE	1996	7	8	9	1 3	9	2 3	2 2	2 6	1 4	1 1	9	8	159
FATALITIES	1997	1 1	6	1 5	5	1 1	2 3	1 5	1 2	1 5	9	2 0	1 0	152
HOMICIDES	1996	4	7	5	8	6	3	6	1 0	2	4	9	1	6 5
	1997	3	5	3	5	4	5	4	2	0	9	3	4	4 7
HOMICIDES:	1996	4	6	2	4	5	1	3	7	0	1	3	0	3 6
FIREARM	1997	0	0	2	2	2	4	4	1	0	4	1	1	2 1
DROWNINGS	1996	1	1	0	3	3	9	8	7	1	1	1	0	3 5
	1997	0	0	2	0	3	8	3	2	1	0	0	0	1 9
SUICIDES	1996	3	3	0	3	3	2	2	1	3	4	2	2	2 8
	1997	3	4	2	0	1	4	2	1	2	4	2	1	2 6
SUICIDES:	1996	2	1	0	2	2	1	2	0	2	1	2	1	1 6
FIREARM	1997	3	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	1 5
FIRE/BURN	1996	4	2	2	0	1	3	0	2	2	0	6	1	2 3
FATALITIES	1997	2	3	5	4	2	0	2	3	0	2	5	9	3 7
UNINTENTIONAL	1996	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	5	1	3	1 6
STRANGULATION/	1997	4	1	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	3	2 0
SUFFOCATION DEATHS														
UNINTENTIONAL	1996	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
FIREARM FATALITIES	1997	2	2	0	1	0	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	1 6
TOTAL	1996	8 4	8 6	9 7	9 8	7 9	9 6	116	127	9 4	9 3	9 6	7 7	
	1997	9 9	9 4	98	7 8	8 7	102	8 7	7 5	7 2	9 6	9 1	108	

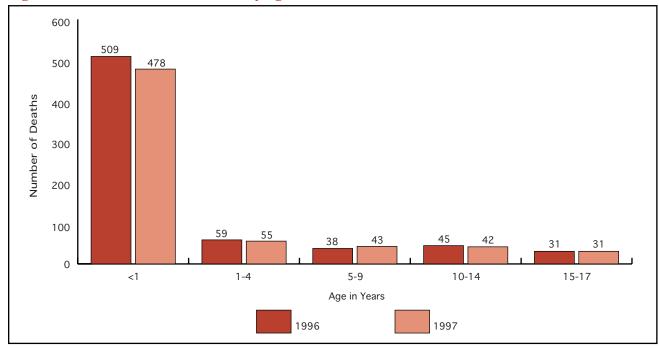
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DEATHS

Illness/Natural Cause Deaths

Illness/Natural causes were responsible for the deaths of 649 children in 1997, representing 59.3% of all Missouri incidence fatalities.

Figure 7. Illness/Natural Cause Deaths by Age



As shown in Figure 7, children less than one year of age remained the largest group of illness/natural cause deaths with 74% (478) in 1997 and 75% (509) in 1996.

During 1996 and 1997, the majority of illness/natural cause deaths involved white males. There were no significant changes from 1996 to 1997 in male to female and racial proportions (Figure 8).

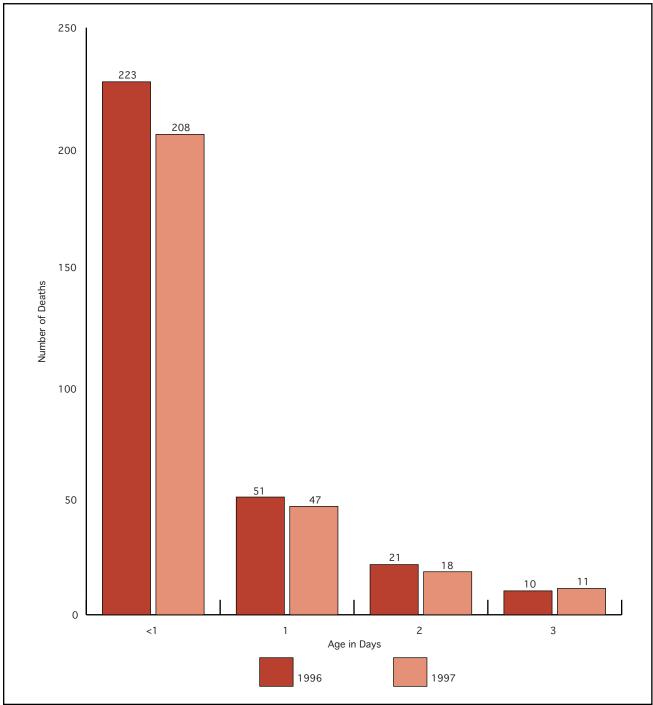
Figure 8. Illness/Natural Cause Deaths by Sex and Race

SEX	1996	1997	RACE	1996	1997
FEMALE	282	288	WHITE	481	455
MALE	400	359	BLACK	185	182
UNKNOWN	0	2	OTHER	16	12
	682	649		682	649
	002	043		002	01

Illness/Natural Cause Deaths (continued)

Children three days old or less made up the majority of illness/natural cause deaths in 1996 (305) and 1997 (284). Thirty-three percent in 1996 (223) and 32% in 1997 (208) of all illness/natural cause deaths involved children less than one day old (Figure 9).

Figure 9. Children Age Three Days or Less That Died of Illness/Natural Causes

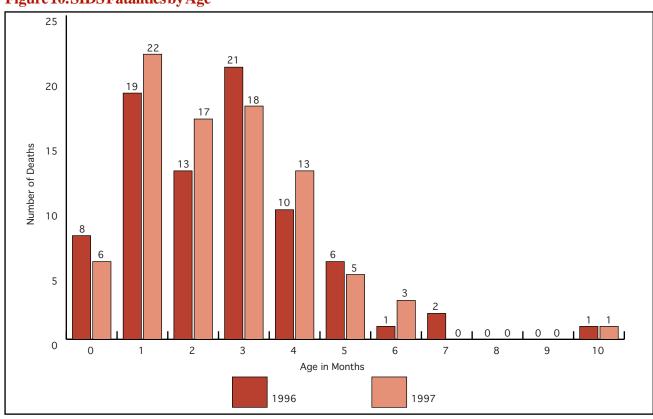


SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome)

SIDS resulted in the deaths of 85

children under the age of one year during 1997.

Figure 10. SIDS Fatalities by Age



As shown in Figure 10, SIDS fatalities peaked at age one month in 1997 (22) (26%) and age 3 months in 1996 (21) (26%).

The majority of SIDS fatalities involved white, male children during 1996 and 1997 (Figure 11).

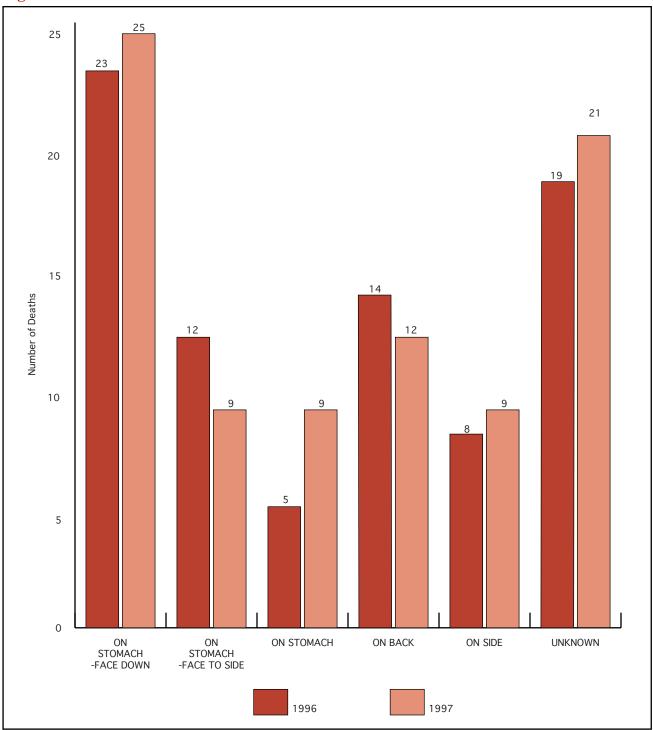
Figure 11. SIDS Fatalities by Sex and Race

SEX	1996	1997	RACE	1996	1997
FEMALE	35	32	WHITE	52	54
MALE	46	53	BLACK	28	29
	81	85	OTHER	1	2
				81	85

SIDS(continued)

The majority of children that died of SIDS were found positioned on their stomach face down in 1996 (23) (28%) and 1997 (25) (29%) (Figure 12).

Figure 12. Position of Infant



SIDS(continued)

During 1997, 1.1 children died of SIDS for every 1,000 live births. The peak SIDS rate occurred in 1992 and 1993 with 1.5 SIDS deaths for every 1,000 live births (Figure 13).

Figure 13. SIDS Rate 1992-1997

In the three year period of 1992 through 1994, Missouri averaged 108 SIDS deaths per year. In contrast, during the three-year period of 1995 through 1997, Missouri averaged 81 SIDS deaths per year, representing a 33% decrease (Figure 14).

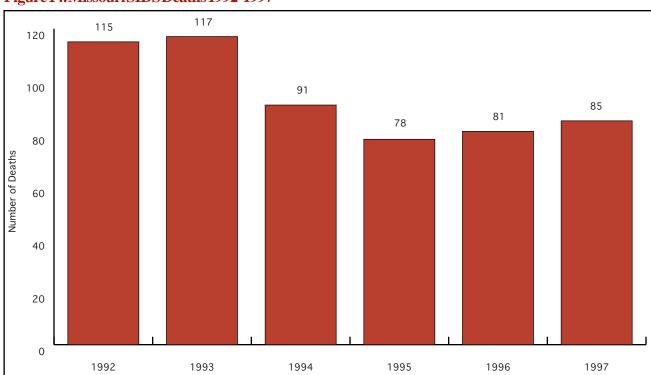


Figure 14. Missouri SIDS Deaths 1992-1997

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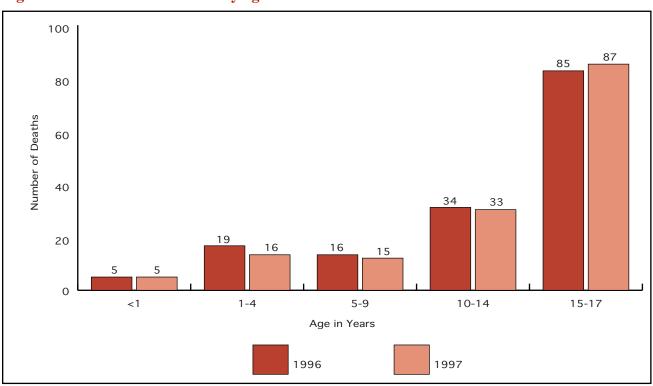
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Motor Vehicle Fatalities

Motor vehicle accidents resulted in 152 child deaths

during 1997, representing 43.4% of injury related deaths.

Figure 15. Motor Vehicle Fatalities by Age



As shown in Figure 15, over 50% of motor vehicle fatalities involved children greater than 14 years of age in 1996 (85) and 1997 (87).

The majority of the victims of motor vehicle fatalities in 1996 and 1997 were white, male children (Figure 16).

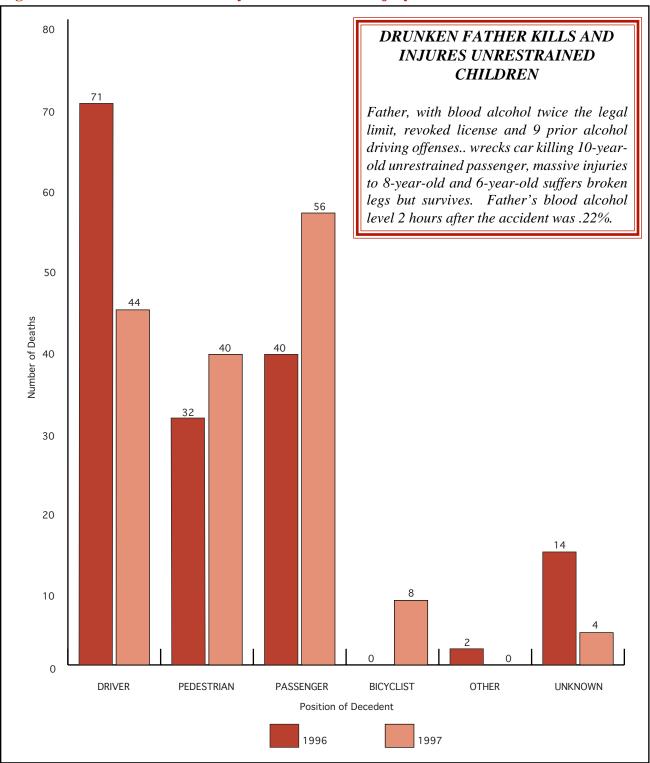
Figure 16. Motor Vehicle Fatalities by Sex and Race

SEX	1996	1997	RACE	1996	1997
FEMALE	59	74	WHITE	138	125
MALE	100	78	BLACK	18	24
	159	152	OTHER	3	3
				159	152

Motor Vehicle Fatalities (continued)

The victims of motor vehicle fatalities were comprised of a higher percentage of passengers (56) (37%) during 1997 as compared to 1996 (40) (25%) (Figure 17).

Figure 17. Motor Vehicle Fatalities by Position at Time of Injury



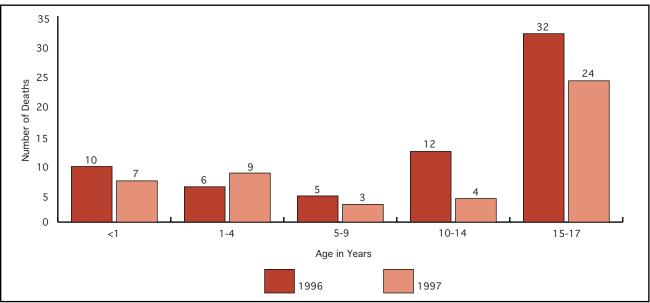
Homicides

Homicide was the cause of 47 deaths in 1997,

representing 13.4% of injury-related deaths.

As shown in Figure 18, children in the 15 through 17 year old age group made up the majority of homicide fatalities in 1996 (32) (49%) and 1997 (24) (51%).

Figure 18. Homicides by Age



The number of homicides involving female children decreased 54% from 1996 (26) (40%) to 1997 (12) (26%). The percentage of homicides involving black children fell from 62 percent (38) in 1996 to 56 percent (26) in 1997 (Figure 19).

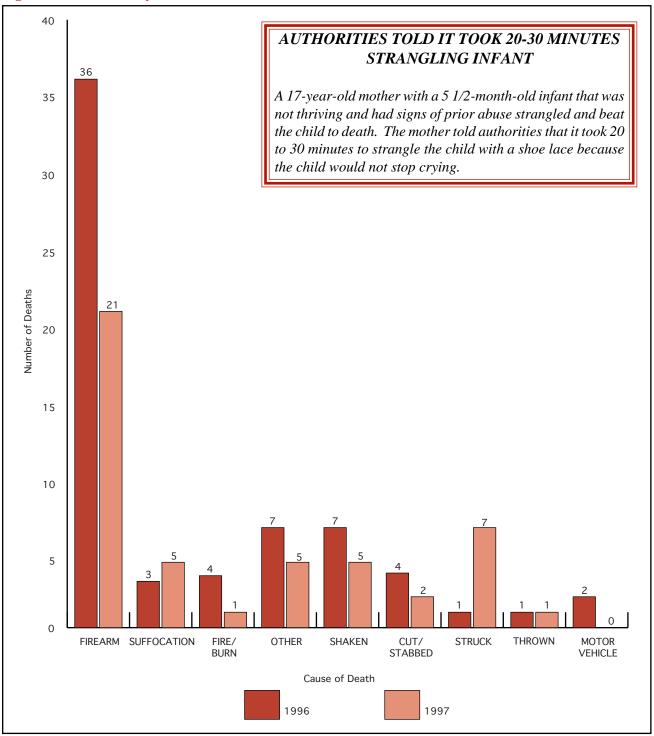
Figure 19. Homicides by Sex and Race

SEX	1996	1997	RACE	1996	1997
FEMALE	26	12	WHITE	25	21
MALE	39	35	BLACK	38	26
	65	47	OTHER	2	0
				65	47

Homicides(continued)

The number of homicides resulting from firearms decreased 42 percent from 1996 (36) (55%) to 1997 (21) (45%). The number of homicides resulting from being struck was six times higher in 1997 (7) (15%) than in 1996 (1) (2%) (Figure 20).

Figure 20. Homicides by Cause



Homicides: Firearm Fatalities

Of the 47 child homicides in 1997, homicide firearm injuries resulted in 21 deaths representing 44.7% of all homicide-related deaths.

As shown in Figure 21, homicide firearm deaths of children older than 14 years of age decreased 26% from 1996 (27) (75%) to 1997 (20) (95%).

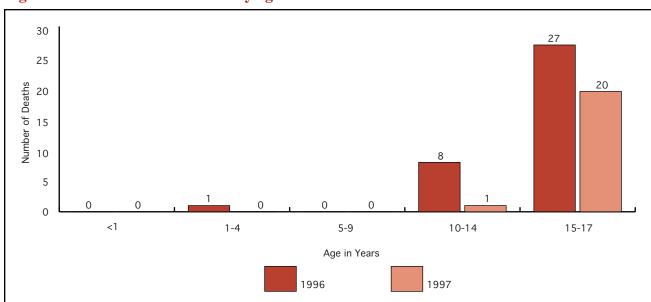


Figure 21. Homicide Firearm Deaths by Age

In 1997, six of the homicide firearm deaths were associated with gang and drug activity. The majority of homicide firearm deaths during 1996 and 1997 involved black, male children (Figure 22).

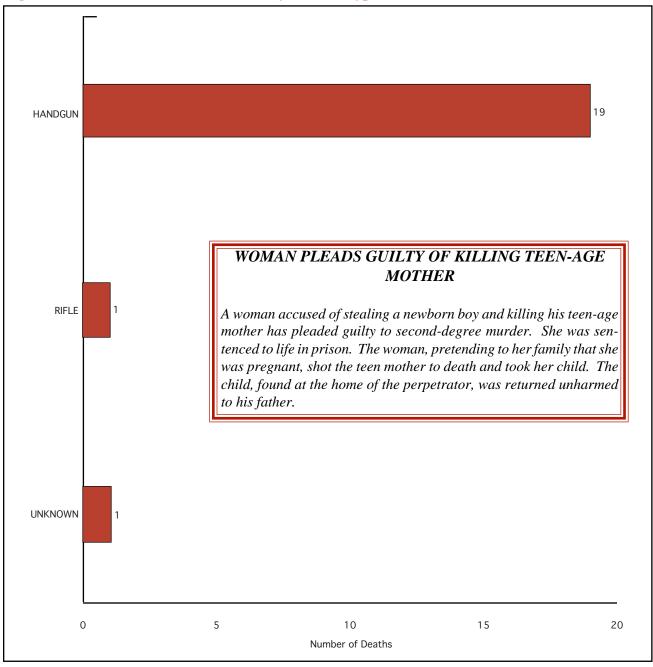
Figure 22. Homicide Firearm Deaths by Sex and Race

FEMALE 11 2 WHITE 9 6 MALE 25 19 BLACK 25 15 36 21 OTHER 2 0 36 21 36 21	SEX	1996	1997	RACE	1996	1997
36 21 OTHER 2 0	FEMALE	11	2	WHITE	9	6
OTHER	MALE	25	19	BLACK	25	15
36 21		36	21	OTHER	2	0
					36	21

Homicides: Firearm Fatalities (continued)

In 1997, 90% of homicide firearm deaths were committed using a handgun (Figure 23).

Figure 23.1997 Homicide Firearm Deaths by Firearm Type



Shaken/ImpactSyndromeFatalities*

Of the 47 child homicides in 1997, Shaken/Impact
Syndrome was the cause of five
deaths of children less than four years old.

As shown in Figure 24, almost 60% of the Shaken/Impact Syndrome deaths were children less than six months of age in 1996 (4) and 1997 (3).

2.0 2 1.5 1.5 0.5 0.0 1 3 4 6 9 14 38 Age In Months

Figure 24. Shaken/Impact Syndrome Deaths by Age

The majority of the victims of Shaken/Impact Syndrome were males in 1996 and 1997. Shaken/Impact Syndrome deaths were evenly distributed between white and black children in 1996 and 1997 (Figure 25).

Figure 25. Shaken/Impact Syndrome Deaths by Sex and Race

EX	1996	1997	RACE	1996	1997
FEMALE	1	1	WHITE	3	3
MALE	6	4	BLACK	4	2
	7	5		7	5

^{*}Based on program experience there may be a significant number of cases that are under-reported or unrecognized. Moreover, there are also a large number of permanent disabilities directly related to Shaken/Impact Syndrome (i.e.; speech, hearing, and vision impairments).

Shaken/ImpactSyndromeFatalities(continued)

FATHER SHAKES BABY TO DEATH FOR DISTURBING HIS SLEEP BY CRYING

The father said he shook the baby twice. The first time because the baby cried while he was trying to sleep and the second time because the child vomited. The forensic pathologist said that the child was bleeding in the front and back of the brain and in the back of the eyes.

Inconsolable crying was the cause that triggered perpetrators to shake the victims in 3 of the 5 cases during 1997 (Figure 26).

CRYING 2

UNKNOWN 2

0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 Number of Deaths

Figure 26.1997 Shaken/Impact Syndrome Deaths by Cause

In 60 percent of the cases of Shaken/Impact Syndrome, the perpetrator was also victim's father (Figure 27).

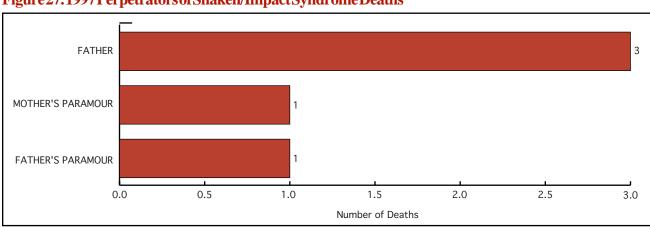


Figure 27.1997 Perpetrators of Shaken/Impact Syndrome Deaths

Drownings

Drowning was the cause of 19 deaths in 1997, representing 5.4% of injury related deaths.

Of the 19 victims in 1997, 17 victims wore no floatation device and 8 were unattended when they entered the water. There was an overall decrease in drowning deaths from 1996 (35) to 1997 (19). As shown in Figure 28, drowning deaths in the one to four age group decreased by 54% from 1996 (13) (37%) to 1997 (6) (32%).

Figure 28. Drowning Deaths by Age

The majority of drowning victims were white, male children in 1996 and 1997 (Figure 29).

Figure 29. Drowning Deaths by Sex and Race

X	1996	1997	RACE	1996	1997
EMALE	11	4	WHITE	27	11
1ALE	24	15	BLACK	8	7
	35	19	OTHER	0	1
				35	19

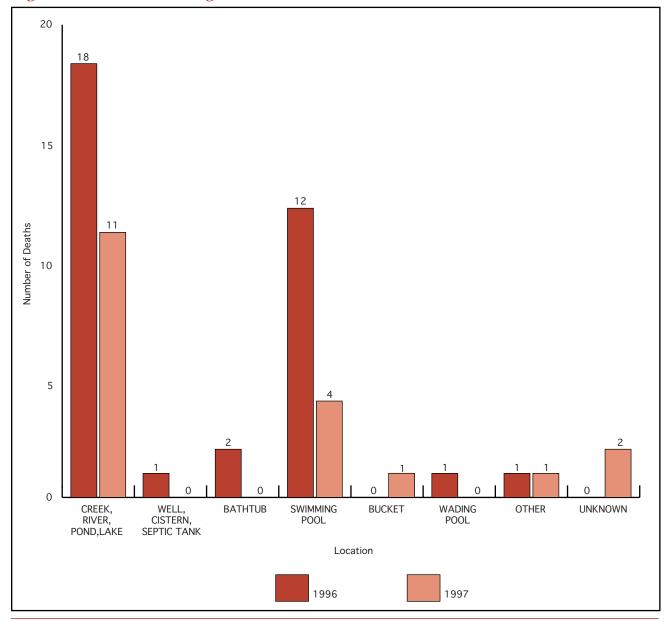
Drownings(continued)

MISSING TODDLER LOCATED IN SOLVENT FILLED BUCKET

A common five-gallon plastic bucket, approximately half full of a cleaning solvent was the scene of a tragedy for a single parent mother attempting to relocate her household to new housing.

Drownings in natural bodies of water decreased 39% from 1996 (18) (51%) to 1997 (11) (58%). Drownings in swimming pools also decreased by 67% from 1996 (12) (34%) to 1997 (4) (21%) (Figure 30).

Figure 30. Location of Drownings



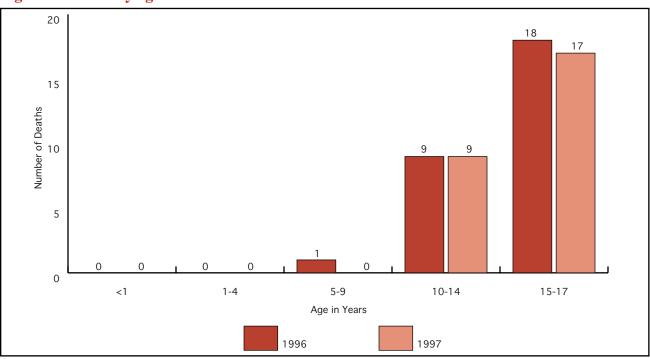
Suicides

Suicide was the cause of 26 deaths in 1997,

representing 7.4% of injury related deaths.

As shown in Figure 31, the majority of suicides occurred in the children 15 through 17 years of age in 1996 (18) (64%) and 1997 (17) (89%).

Figure 31. Suicides by Age



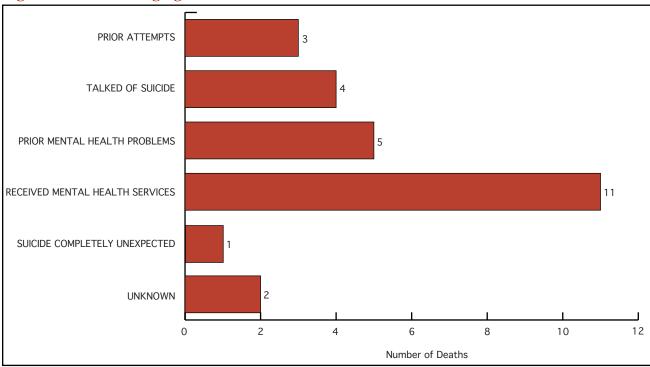
The majority of suicides involved males in 1996 (21) and 1997 (20). The disparity between white and black children continued between 1996 and 1997 (Figure 32).

Figure 32. Suicides by Sex and Race

	1996	1997	RACE	1996	1997
E	7	6	WHITE	25	23
Ē	21	20	BLACK	1	3
	28	26	OTHER	2	0
				28	26

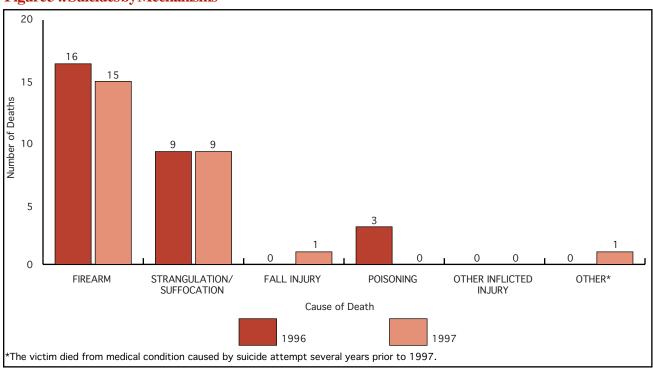
Suicides(continued)

Figure 33. 1997 Warning Signs of Suicide



Seven of the 26 suicide victims in 1997 had made prior attempts or had talked of committing suicide (Figure 33).

Figure 34. Suicides by Mechanisms



Firearm and strangulation/suffocation injuries were the most common mechanisms of suicide in 1996 and 1997 (Figure 34).

Suicides: Firearm Fatalities

Of the 26 child suicides in 1997, 15 resulted from firearm injuries, representing 58% of all suicide-related deaths.

As shown in Figure 35, the age distribution of suicide firearm deaths remained constant from 1996 to 1997.

12 10 8 8 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-4 15-17 Age in Years

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Figure 35. Suicide Firearm Deaths by Age

White, male children made up the majority of firearm related suicides in 1996 and 1997 (Figure 36).

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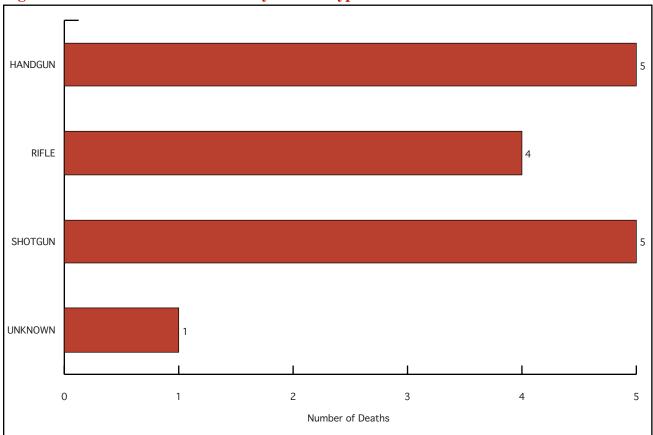
Figure 36. Suicide Firearm Deaths by Sex and Race

SEX	1996	1997	RACE	1996	1997
FEMALE	2	2	WHITE	14	12
MALE	14	13	BLACK	1	3
	16	15	OTHER	1	0
				16	15

Suicides: Firearm Fatalities (continued)

Handguns (5) (33%) and shotguns (5) (33%) were the most frequently used firearms in suicide deaths (Figure 37).

 $Figure\,37.1997\,Suicide\,Firearm\,Deaths\,by\,Firearm\,Type$



Fire/Burn Fatalities

Fire/Burn injuries were the cause of 37 deaths in

1997, representing 10.6% of injury related deaths.

As shown in Figure 38, fire/burn deaths of children in the one to four year old age group jumped 122% from 1996 (9) to 1997 (20).

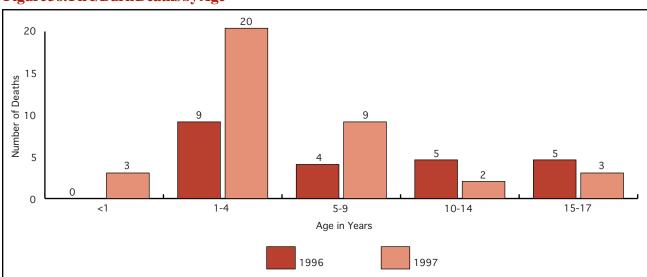


Figure 38. Fire/Burn Deaths by Age

The number of female and male fire/burn victims increased from 1996 to 1997. Black fire/burn victims increased from one in 1996 to thirteen in 1997 (Figure 39).

Figure 39	.Fire/Burn	Deaths by S	Sex and Race

SEX	1996	1997	RACE	1996	1997
FEMALE	11	17	WHITE	22	20
MALE	12	20	BLACK	1	13
	23	37	OTHER	0	4
				23	37

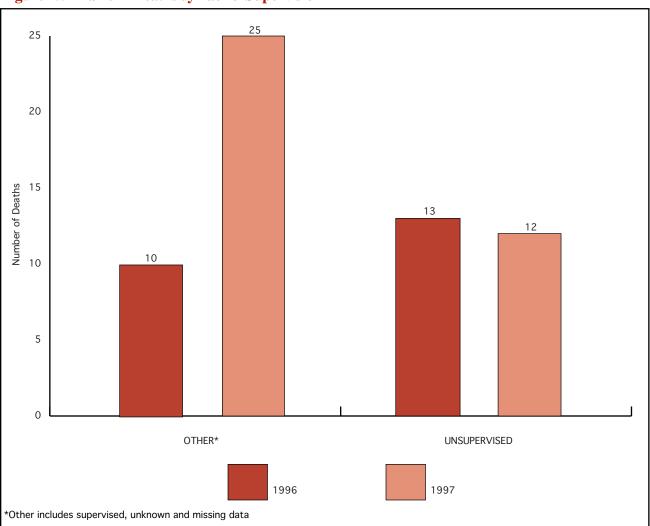
Fire/Burn Fatalities (continued)

CHILD SAVES SISTER AND BROTHER, DIES IN FIRE

A 9-year-old girl dropped her 6-year-old sister from a window and removed her younger brother to a haven inside the burning home, but died of smoke inhalation inside the home. The parents were injured but survived.

The number of known unsupervised fire/burn victims decreased by only one from 1996 (13) (57%) to 1997 (12) (32%) (Figure 40).

Figure 40. Fire/Burn Deaths by Lack of Supervision



Unintentional Strangulation/Suffocation Deaths

Strangulation/Suffocation was the cause of 20 deaths

in 1997, representing 5.7% of injury-related deaths.

As shown in Figure 41, at least 50% of strangulation/suffocation deaths involved children less than one year of age in 1996 (8) and 1997 (11).

Figure 41. Strangulation/Suffocation Deaths by Age

Male children that died by strangulation/suffocation increased 89% from 1996 (9) (56%) to 1997 (17) (85%). The majority of strangulation/suffocation deaths involved white children in 1996 (12) (75%) and 1997 (18) (90%) (Figure 42).

Figure 42. Strangulation/Suffocation Deaths by Sex and Race

SEX	1996	1997	RACE	1996	1997
FEMALE	7	3	WHITE	12	18
MALE	9	17	BLACK	4	2
	16	20		16	20

Unintentional Strangulation/Suffocation Deaths (continued)

TEEN SISTER SHOCKED BY BROTHER'S "HUFFING" DEATH

Boy, 14, dies after breathing butane. Death was attributed to asphyxiation from inhaling butane. Butane, when inhaled, blocks oxygen flow to brain and disrupts heart rhythm, according to local child forensic pathologist. Other inhalants commonly used for "huffing" are hair spray, paint, deodorant and an unending supply of over-the-counter aerosol products. Youngsters consider "huffing" a cheap high.

INFANT FOUND DEAD IN PARENT'S WATERBED

A two-month-old infant was put to bed in his mother's waterbed with pillows tucked around him for protection. Believing the baby was safe, the mother and her 3-year-old son fell asleep in the same bed. The mother awoke in the morning to find the 3-year-old, still asleep, on top of the infant.

The majority of unintentional strangulation/suffocation deaths were caused by an object exerting pressure on the victim's neck or chest (7) (35%) (Figure 43).

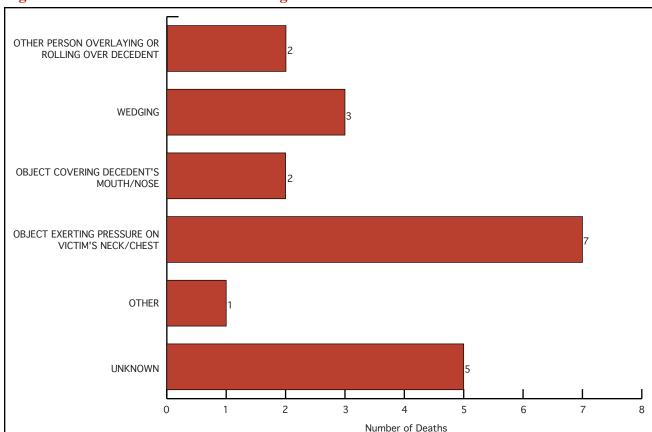


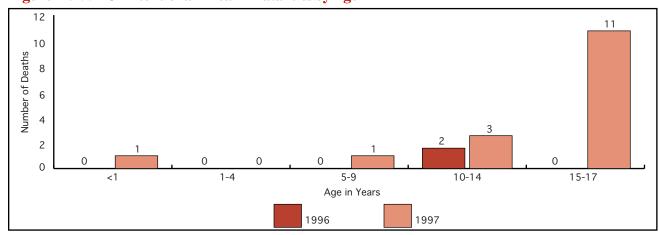
Figure 43. 1997 Cause of Unintentional Strangulation/Suffocation Deaths

Unintentional Firearm Fatalities*

Unintentional firearm injuries were the cause of 16 deaths in 1997, representing 4.6% of injury related deaths.

The 15 - 17 year old age group recorded 69% of the fatalities in 1997. One hundred percent of the fatalities in 1996 were in the 10 -14 year old age group (Figure 44).

Figure 44. 1997 Unintentional Firearm Fatalities by Age



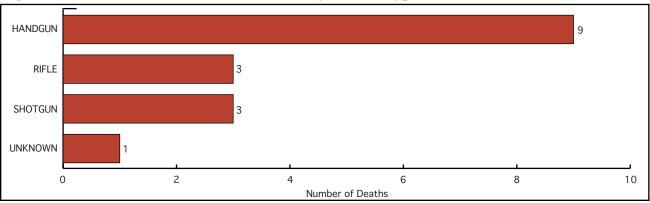
Unintentional firearm fatalities involved all males in 1996 and 1997. White children were involved in all the fatalities in 1996 and the majority of fatalities in 1997 (Figure 45).

Figure 45. Unintentional Firearm Fatalities by Sex and Race

EX	1996	1997	RACE	1996	1997
FEMALE	0	0	WHITE	2	10
MALE	2	16	BLACK	0	6
	2	16		2	16

As shown in Figure 46, handguns were the firearm type involved in 56% (9) of the fatalities in 1997.

Figure 46. 1997 Unintentional Firearm Fatalities by Firearm Type



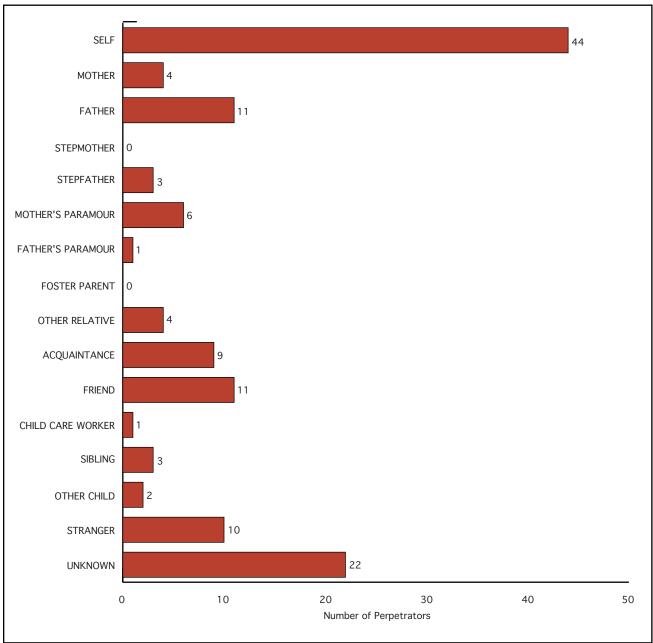
*Unintentional deaths only. Thirty-six additional firearm deaths were recorded - twenty-one homicides and fifteen suicides.

Reviewed Injury Fatalities

A reviewed fatality is defined as a fatality that has been reviewed by a local CFRP review panel and reported on a Data Form 2. During 1997, 287 injury fatalities were reviewed. Of those fatalities, 98 resulted from assault. Sixty-seven of the fatalities were the result of intentionally inflicted injury. Thirteen of the fatalities were drug related and eight were gang related fatalities. Eighteen of the fatalities occurred during the commission of a crime.

In the majority of reviewed injury fatalities, the perpetrator was also the victim (44). Other prevalent perpetrator types included fathers and friends (Figure 47).

Figure 47.1997 Perpetrator Demographics for Reviewed Injury Fatalities



Reviewed Injury Fatalities (continued)

In 1997, perpetrators were charged with crimes or arrested in 55 of the injury fatality cases reviewed. Eighty-five percent (47) of the fatalities had only one person arrested (Figure 48). Twenty-nine of the 55 fatalities were committed by individuals responsible for the supervision of victims at the time of the fatal injury.

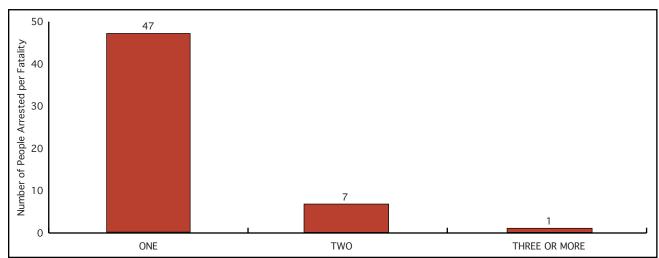


Figure 48. 1997 People Arrested or Charged per Injury Fatality

Eleven (20%) of the injury fatalities that were reviewed involved perpetrator(s) under the age of 18 (Figure 49).

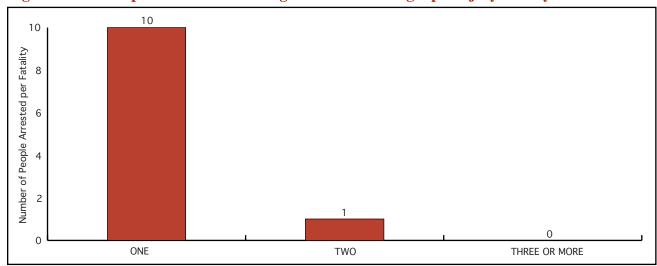


Figure 49.1997 People Under 18 Years of Age Arrested or Charged per Injury Fatality

CFRPPanelReviewedCases

After the initial investigation of a death, the coroner/medical examiner and the county CFRP panel chairperson decide whether the case meets the criteria for further review by the CFRP panel. These criteria include situations where the cause of death is unclear or the possibility exists that child abuse/neglect was involved. See Appendix 7 for a complete listing of review criteria.

The percentage of deaths reviewed by CFRP panels varied with the cause of death. (It should be noted that the cause of death may not be determined at the time of review.) As shown in Figure 50, the review rate for SIDS deaths remained relatively the same from 1996 to 1997, as opposed to the (non-SIDS) natural-cause deaths where the review rate increased from 13% in 1996 to 18% in 1997. Among injury deaths, 98% of homicides in 1996 were reviewed and 100% of homicides in 1997 were reviewed.

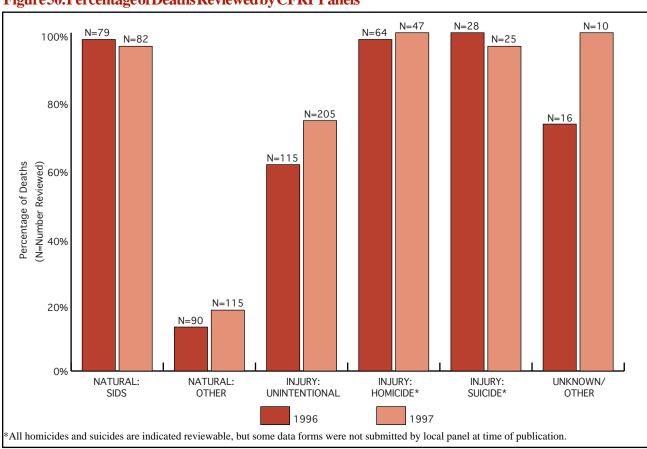


Figure 50. Percentage of Deaths Reviewed by CFRPP anels

Autopsies

The autopsy is a critical component in accurately determining the cause of death, especially in the case of SIDS. The diagnosis of SIDS requires an autopsy in order to exclude other causes of death such as shaken/impact syndrome. RSMo 194.117 requires that an autopsy be performed for all children from one week to one year of age who die in a sudden, unexplained manner. The autopsy is performed at the expense of the state.

Autopsies were performed in 36% of all children's deaths in 1997 compared to 31% in 1996. As shown in Figure 51, autopsies were performed in 17% of natural deaths in 1997 and 10% in 1996, 100% of SIDS deaths in 1997 and 99% in 1996, 32% of motor vehicle deaths in 1997 and 34% in 1996, 62% of other unintentional injury deaths in 1997 and 67% in 1996, 98% of homicides in 1997 and 94% in 1996, and 54% of suicides in 1997 and 57% in 1996.

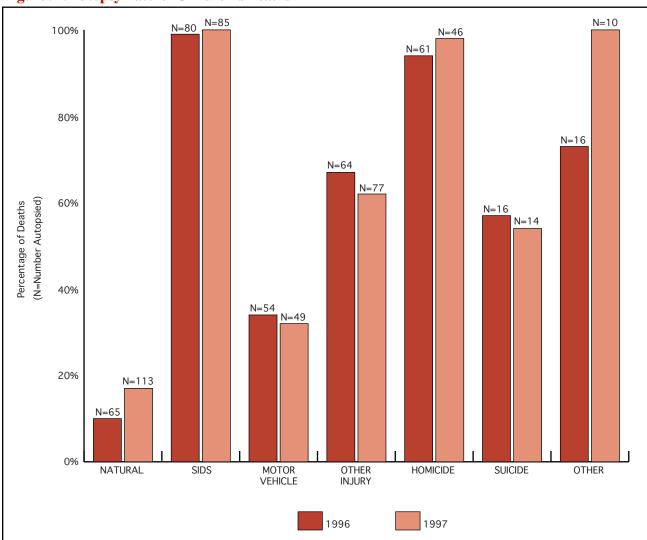


Figure 51. Autopsy Rate for Children's Deaths

CHILD FATALITY REVIEW PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND DATABASE DEFINITIONS

Due to the complexity of data from the Child Fatality Review Program, a brief introduction to the program and definitions of key variables and concepts is presented here. We hope this will facilitate requests for data and interpretation of data from the program's database.

Program Overview

Concern about the possible under-reporting of Missouri child deaths related to abuse and neglect led in 1991 to passage of House Bill 185, which resulted in creation of the state Child Fatality Review Program (CFRP). The stated goals of the project were:

- Implement a multi-disciplinary approach to investigating child fatalities;
- Improve outcomes of investigations of child fatalities;
- Improve accuracy in reporting causes of child fatalities; and
- Guide prevention efforts of child injuries and fatalities.

The Department of Social Services and the State Technical Assistance Team (STAT) were given primary responsibility for implementing the legislation. STAT organized a state advisory panel and a child fatality review panel in each county and the City of St. Louis to review deaths of children from birth through age 17 years. Each child death is reviewed by the coroner or medical examiner and the county CFRP chairperson, and the findings of that review are reported on the Coroner/Medical Examiner Data Report (Form 1). Deaths resulting from *unexplained causes*, *non-motor vehicle injuries* or *suspected abuse or neglect* are of particular concern; these are referred to the full CFRP panel for review.

Each CFRP panel is multi-disciplinary, being composed of the coroner or medical examiner, public health nurse or physician, emergency medical personnel, prosecuting attorney, law enforcement officer, Division of Family Services representative, juvenile officer and, as appropriate, others such as educators or fire investigators. Panel members have been trained in skills relevant to investigating child deaths. Results of the review by the full panel are reported on the Child Fatality Review Panel Data Report (Form 2). In addition to conclusions about the cause of death, information about criminal proceedings and findings of child abuse or neglect by the Department of Social Services are reported on Data Form 2. These data forms are collected and analyzed by STAT.

Missouri Incident Fatalities

"Missouri incident fatalities" refers to only those child deaths included in the CFRP program. Missouri incidence deaths, defined further below, are those deaths of children 0-17 years of age which occur within the state of Missouri, except that deaths resulting from injury or other causes which occur outside the state are excluded. Though by law all child deaths occurring in Missouri are reported, the Missouri-incident deaths are of primary interest, and the most complete data are collected on these cases.

CFRPDatabase

Beginning with 1992 childhood deaths, a child fatality surveillance data system maintained by STAT has been collecting, analyzing and reporting data on child fatalities. This system uses data from the Child Fatality Review Program (Data Form 1 and Data Form 2) as well as from death and birth certificate files, data on Medicaid eligibility and data on substantiated child abuse and neglect deaths from the Division of Family Services. Use of diverse sources produces more complete information on each childhood fatality.

Data Forms 1 and 2 were revised beginning in 1994. Several items were changed in format or in content to better capture the needed data. The forms were revised again in 1995 and 1996, each revision was an effort to improve the data collection methods. As an example, the inclusion of Division of Family Services Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline history, household demographics, and caregiver demographics have greatly facilitated interaction of the panel with the local community, thus better identifying community prevention needs and remedies in the early stages of the event. Copies of the 1996 Form 1 and Form 2 are attached.

Causes of Death

The mortality file supplied by the Department of Health and CFRP reports include data on cause of death, but from slightly different perspectives. Mortality file deaths are coded in terms of the ICD-9 (International Classification of Diseases 9th Revision) system, which requires interpretation of injury deaths in terms of whether the injury was intentional. The CFRP classification system attempts to provide additional information on the behaviors which contribute to child death and does not require judgments about intentionality.

The ICD-9 classification of cause of death is encouraged for most data collection, both because it is more widely known and used and because the CFRP system provides limited information on homicides and intentional injuries. CFRP data will be most useful when information about behaviors contributing to cause of death is needed and when the focus is on behaviors rather than on intent. When requesting data from the CFRP database, any data not identifying specific individuals may be released to individuals or organizations interested in child fatality-related issues. The following definitions are intended to facilitate such requests.

Definitions of Important Terms and Variables

Certified Death:

Death included in the Missouri Center for Health Statistics (MCHS) mortality file, reported by death certificate.

Missouri Incident Death:

Death within Missouri of a child younger than 18 years. On the basis of data from the CFRP Data Form 1 or Data Form 2, one of the following is true:

- The child died as a result of an injury which occurred in Missouri.
- The child died as a result of a natural (non-injury) cause which occurred, or is assumed to have occurred, within Missouri. (This excludes deaths due to illness or other natural cause which occurred outside Missouri; e.g., at a non-Missouri residence.)
- The child was born in Missouri and died as a newborn (within ten days of birth) without having left the state. (Such children are included regardless of the assumed place of occurrence of the cause of death or of the residence of the child or the child's family.)

Missouri incident is determined by use of data reported on Data Form 1, and no death is considered a Missouri-incident death until Data Form 1 has been received.

CFRP Cause of Death :

Cause of death as reported on CFRP Data Forms 1 and 2. The forms include a category for natural cause, which specifies malnutrition/dehydration, delayed medical care, apparent lack of supervision and known illness (which includes congenital anomalies and perinatal conditions), Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), sudden unexplained death (as defined elsewhere) and injuries classified by the type of agent or force which caused the injury (i.e., vehicular, drowning, firearm, fall, poisoning). The CFRP classification provides no indication of whether the injury was intentional; thus, homicide is not included as a cause in this system. The CFRP does provide for an indication of whether or not the injury was inflicted, that is, whether it occurred as a result of the action of another person, without regard to intent or purpose of the action. If the case is referred to the CFRP panel for review, Data Form 2 is completed to report the findings of the panel. The Data Form 2 report includes information on DFS findings regarding possible child abuse or neglect and information related to criminal proceedings.

Mortality File Cause of Death

The Mortality File lists cause of death as reported by ICD-9 code on Missouri death certificates. The ICD-9 coding classification system includes natural causes such as various diseases, congenital anomalies, perinatal conditions and certain ill-defined conditions (which includes SIDS). The injury classification includes those identified as "accidents" (unintentional), those considered intentional (homicide, suicide) and those with undetermined intent. Injury deaths are further classified by the type of agent or force which caused the injury (i.e., motor vehicle crash, firearm, poisoning, burn, fall, drowning).

Mortality File Manner of Death:

Cause of death reported in mortality file was formatted to conform to "Manner of Death" variable in the death certificate. This includes six categories based on the ICD-9 code: Natural; Accident (unintentional injury); Suicide; Homicide; Undetermined; and Pending Investigation.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) :

Sudden death of an infant under one year of age which remains unexplained after a thorough case investigation, including performance of a complete autopsy, examination of the death scene, and review of the clinical history.

- Mortality File SIDS: Death by SIDS, as defined operationally by being reported in the mortality file associated with the ICD-9 code 7980.
- CFRP SIDS: Death by SIDS, as defined operationally by being reported in the CFRP file, from Data Form 1 or Data Form 2, as due to SIDS.

Sudden, Unexplained Death (SUD)

Sudden death of an infant less than one year of age due to unexplained cause, suggesting SIDS but not yet having the postmortem examination, scene investigation, or review of social and medical history needed for SIDS designation. Defined operationally by being reported as SUD in Data Form 1.

ReviewableDeath:

Death which has been reported by Data Form 1 as requiring review by the CFRP review panel, whether or not the review has yet been completed and reported. The Data Form 1 report is required for all child deaths that occur in Missouri, and includes an indication of whether a review of that death will be required. If Data Form 1 indicates a reviewable death, Data Form 2 should be completed after the review.

Reviewed Death :

Death that has been reviewed by a local CFRP review panel and reported on Data Form 2.

Mortality File County of Death:

The county, reported in the mortality file, in which the death was officially recorded. May be a Missouri or non-Missouri county.

CFRP County of Death:

The county, reported by the Data Form 1 or Data Form 2, in which the death occurred. Only deaths in Missouri are included in the CFRP database.

CFRP County of Incident:

The county, reported by Data Form 1 or Data Form 2, in which the fatal illness, injury, or event occurred. If the county of incident is a Missouri county, the death is by definition a Missouri incident death. If the county of incident is outside the state of Missouri, the death is by definition not a Missouri incident death. If the county of death is in Missouri but the county of incident is not, only identifying information (Section A of Data Form 1) is requested.

CFRPCounty of Residence

The county, reported by Data Form 1 or Data Form 2, as the county of decedent's residence may be a Missouri or non-Missouri county. If the child is a newborn, the newborn's county of residence is the mother's county of residence.

CFRPRegion:

Location, reported by Data Form 1 or Data Form 2, in which the fatal illness, injury, or event occurred, formatted to conform to the seven geographic regions defined for the CFRP program.

Child Abuse/Neglect (CA/N)

Death for which Division of Family Services (DFS) reports substantiated child abuse or neglect. Substantiation may result from DFS investigation or court adjudication. As a cause of death, abuse refers to physical, sexual or emotional maltreatment or injury inflicted on a child, other than accidentally, by those responsible for the child's care, custody and control, except that discipline, including spanking, administered in a reasonable manner, shall not be construed to be abuse. Neglect refers to failure by those responsible for the child's care, custody and control to provide the proper or necessary support, education, nutrition, medical care or other care necessary for the child's well-being.

Unsupervised Death

Death for which data from Data Form 1 and Data Form 2 suggest that the decedent may not have had adequate supervision at time of the fatal injury or death event. Defining variables include reports that the event was unwitnessed, that the caretaker was asleep at the time (except during normal sleeping hours), that the caretaker was incapacitated due to alcohol or drugs, or that there was no adult caretaker.

Mortality File Abuse/Neglect:

Death for which the ICD-9 code in the mortality file indicates abuse or neglect. Relevant ICD-9 codes are 904.0, 967, and 968.4. These abuse/neglect deaths are usually under-reported relative to those reported by DFS as substantiated child abuse or neglect.

Mortality File Homicide Death :

Death due to homicide, as reported by ICD-9 codes 960-979. Homicide is not defined on Data Forms 1 or 2. Child abuse/neglect deaths as determined by DFS are not necessarily coincidental with homicides, since CA/N deaths, by definition, are committed by a caretaker who has care, custody or control of the child at the time.

Mortality File Suicide Death :

Death due to suicide, as reported by ICD-9 codes 950-959.

Mortality File Autopsy:

Indication from mortality file that decedent was autopsied.

CFRPAutopsy:

Indication from CFRP file that decedent was autopsied.

Maltreatment Death:

Death operationally defined as being due either to homicide, as reported in the mortality file, or to substantiated child abuse/neglect, as reported by DFS.

Violent Death:

Death operationally defined as being due either to homicide (including those homicides due to child battering or other maltreatment) or suicide, as reported in the mortality file.

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Appendix 2. Mandated Activities for Child Fatalities

Every county must have a multi-disciplinary child fatality review panel (114 counties and City of St. Louis).

The county panel must consist of at least the following seven core members: prosecuting attorney, coroner/medical examiner, law enforcement representative, Division of Family Services representative, public health representative, juvenile officer and emergency medical services representative. Panels may elect to have additional members.

All deaths, ages birth to 17, must be reported to the coroner/medical examiner.

Children, age one week to one year, who die in a *sudden*, *unexplained* manner must have an autopsy.

A state child fatality review panel must meet at least twice per year to review the program's progress and identify systemic needs and problems.

Panels must use uniform protocols and data collection forms.

Certified child-death pathologists must perform the autopsies.

Knowingly violating reporting requirements is a Class A misdemeanor.

When a child's death meets the criteria for review, activation of the panel must occur within 24 hours of the child's death, with a meeting scheduled as soon as practical.

Appendix 3. Review Process

Process for Child Fatality Reviews

Any child who dies, birth through age 17, will be reported to the coroner/medical examiner.

Coroner/medical examiner conducts a death-scene investigation, notifies DFS and completes Data Form 1 on all deaths of children, birth through age 17. Coroner/medical examiner, with certified child-death pathologist, determines need for autopsy.

If autopsy needed, it is performed by a certified child-death pathologist. Results brought to Child Fatality Review Panel by coroner/medical examiner if review criteria are met.

If death is <u>not reviewable</u>, Data Form 1 completed by coroner/medical examiner and sent to chairperson of Child Fatality Review Panel for co-signature. Chairperson sends Data Form 1 to regional coordinator (excluding urban panels) within 48 hours.

Regional coordinator reviews for accuracy and completeness, signs and sends Data Form 1 to STAT; STAT links Data Form 1 to Department of Health birth and death data.

If death is <u>reviewable</u>, the coroner/medical examiner sends the Data Form 1 to chairperson of Child Fatality Review Panel for cosignature. Chairperson sends Data Form 1 to regional coordinator within 48 hours. The chairperson refers the death to child fatality review panel.

(Panel notified within 24 hours.)

Panel meeting is scheduled by chairperson as soon as possible. Panel reviews circumstances surrounding death and takes appropriate action. Data Form 2 is completed, cosigned by chairperson and sent to regional coordinator within 45 days.

Regional coordinator signs and sends Data Forms 1 and 2 to STAT; STAT links Data Forms 1 and 2 to Department of Health birth and death data. Panel members pursue the mandates of their respective agencies.

Appendix 4. Missouri Incident Child Deaths (Age less than 18) by County

County of Event	Al 1995	ll Deatl 1996	hs 1997	Revie 1995	ewed D 1996	eaths 1997	Inj 1995	ury Dea 1996		Census Population
ADAIR	2	5	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	4,926
ANDREW	2	2	1	2	0	1	2	2	0	4,128
ATCHISON	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,598
AUDRAIN	4	5	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	6,257
BARRY	6	4	6	6	3	2	2	3	4	8,278
BARTON	3	3	6	2	1	3	3	1	4	3,155
BATES	1	3	3	1	1	0	1	1	3	4,129
BENTON	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3,540
BOLLINGER	1	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	4	3,017
BOONE	38	40	38	8	6	9	4	7	9	29,949
BUCHANAN	13	14	11	6	4	5	2	2	3	21,281
BUTLER	7	10	13	2	3	9	2	5	6	10,470
CALDWELL	0	2	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	2,268
CALLAWAY	7	5	5	4	4	4	4	2	3	9,604
CAMDEN	8	10	2	4	6	1	5	7	0	7,257
CAPE GIRARDEAU	16	8	12	4	3	6	6	2	4	15,991
CARROLL	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	2,663
CARTER	1	4	3	0	1	2	1	3	1	1,746
CASS	4	5	5	1	3	2	2	3	1	22,635
CEDAR	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	3,029
CHARITON	2	3	0	0	3	0	2	2	0	2,259
CHRISTIAN	7	4	3	2	3	0	3	2	3	13,463
CLARK	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,038
CLAY	13	19	14	8	9	10	5	9	7	44,917
CLINTON	3	1	3	1	0	3	3	1	1	5,163
COLE	9	7	9	6	6	3	6	2	2	17,234
COOPER	3	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	3,817
CRAWFORD	6	8	3	3	5	1	1	6	0	5,910
DADE	3	2	1	2	0	1	3	1	0	1,994
DALLAS	3	4	1	2	1	1	2	3	0	4,057
DAVIESS	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2,106
DE KALB	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,249
DENT	4	0	2	1	0	2	4	0	2	3,719
DOUGLAS	3	4	1	3	1	0	3	2	1	3,277
DUNKLIN	9	7	5	3	4	1	2	2	1	8,803
FRANKLIN	8	19	9	7	14	8	6	12	6	26,034
GASCONADE	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3,668
GENTRY	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	1,672
GREENE	68	77	51	16	9	14	11	16	7	52,295
GRUNDY	2	2	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	2,411
HARRISON	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1,907
HENRY	3	3	4	1	0	1	2	0	2	5,167
HICKORY	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	1,667
HOLT	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1,426
HOWARD	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2,419
HOWELL	7	6	8	2	1	6	3	2	4	9,350
IRON	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2,947

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Appendix 4. Missouri Incident Child Deaths (Age less than 18) by County

County of Event All Deaths Reviewed Deaths		Injı	Injury Deaths Census							
	1995	1996	1997	1995	1996	1997	1995	1996	1997	Population
JACKSON	184	187	182	67	75	84	35	34	46	168,471
JASPER	18	15	15	10	5	10	7	10	6	25,441
JEFFERSON	24	28	26	18	22	19	10	15	15	57,703
JOHNSON	6	7	5	3	1	1	3	1	1	11,928
KNOX	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1,041
LACLEDE	9	3	7	7	2	3	5	1	3	8,162
LAFAYETTE	5	1	7	4	0	5	2	0	3	8,590
LAWRENCE	4	11	3	3	3	1	1	3	2	8,792
LEWIS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2,390
LINCOLN	5	5	8	3	4	7	4	3	6	10,550
LINN	1	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	2	3,453
LIVINGSTON	2	3	2	0	1	1	2	2	0	3,576
MCDONALD	5	5	6	3	3	4	2	1	3	5,440
MACON	1	4	4	0	2	2	1	1	2	3,779
MADISON	4	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2,980
MARIES	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,166
MARION	6	6	7	1	1	3	4	2	2	7,590
MERCER	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	899
MILLER	4	2	3	3	1	3	1	0	2	6,321
MISSISSIPPI	1	7	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	3,989
MONITEAU	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	3,651
MONROE	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,484
MONTGOMERY	6	3	1	3	2	1	6	1	1	3,096
MORGAN	3	2	8	1	2	6	1	1	4	4,179
NEW MADRID	2	8	9	1	5	5	0	7	8	6,143
NEWTON	14	23	10	2	5	3	2	11	4	12,760
NODAWAY	1	4	2	1	2	0	0	4	1	4,694
OREGON	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2,372
OSAGE	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	3	2	3,495
OZARK	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2,214
PEMISCOT	2	5	6	1	3	5	0	2	2	6,800
PERRY	3	2	3	0	1	3	1	1	0	4,899
PETTIS	2	4	13	0	1	5	1	0	4	9,621
PHELPS	10	6	11	1	1	5	4	3	4	9,266
PIKE	2	1	2	0	1	2	2	1	1	4,412
PLATTE	4	6	8	3	2	4	1	3	3	18,125
POLK	4	1	7	4	1	3	2	0	2	6,295
PULASKI	7	4	6	2	3	3	3	0	1	11,670
PUTNAM	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	1,104
RALLS	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2,347
RANDOLPH	3	2	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	5,912
RAY	4	1	3	2	1	2	2	1	3	6,586
REYNOLDS	0	4	3	0	3	1	0	0	3	1,759
RIPLEY	2	4	4	2	1	4	1	3	2	3,725
ST CHARLES	30	29	29	22	18	17	9	11	14	79,758
ST CLAIR	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	2,120
ST FRANCOIS	18	10	13	8	1	9	9	4 S. P	11	13,866

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Appendix 4. Missouri Incident Child Deaths (Age less than 18) by County

County of Event		ll Deat			ewed Do			ury De		Census
	1995	1996	1997	1995	1996	1997	1995	1996	1997	Population
ST LOUIS COUNTY	195	194	192	54	63	60	32	40	36	249,761
STE GENEVIEVE	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4,808
SALINE	12	5	5	5	2	1	6	1	4	5,757
SCHUYLER	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1,072
SCOTLAND	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1,209
SCOTT	9	9	4	0	3	1	4	3	2	11,629
SHANNON	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2,166
SHELBY	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,760
STODDARD	3	9	7	2	3	5	1	2	6	7,393
STONE	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	5,708
SULLIVAN	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,462
TANEY	2	7	4	1	5	2	0	3	2	7,138
TEXAS	3	4	1	3	0	1	3	0	1	6,065
VERNON	2	4	5	0	0	5	0	0	1	5,057
WARREN	2	4	1	0	3	1	2	0	1	6,650
WASHINGTON	3	5	1	2	0	1	2	3	1	6,804
WAYNE	3	11	1	1	5	1	2	9	1	3,059
WEBSTER	7	4	5	2	2	2	5	3	2	8,204
WORTH	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	565
WRIGHT	1	3	3	0	0	2	1	1	1	5,457
ST LOUIS CITY	184	162	186	81	59	69	51	32	32	90,197
STATE TOTAL	1,116	1,149	1,094	437	435	487	344	348	350	1,406,425

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Appendix 5. Missouri Incident Child Deaths (Age less than 18) by Age, Sex, and Race

Characteristic	naracteristic All Deaths Reviewed Deaths					In	jury Dea	Deaths			
	1995	1996	1997	1995	1996	1997	1995	1996	1997		
Age of Child											
0	599	631	600	165	155	167	27	25	31		
1	41	53	37	21	28	22	13	23	11		
2	38	28	28	23	15	19	21	8	17		
3	20	18	27	10	13	20	9	10	14		
4	14	23	23	4	14	21	7	15	16		
5	16	19	23	6	8	14	9	10	13		
6	19	17	16	7	11	4	8	7	3		
7	19	9	20	9	6	13	8	8	11		
8	10	17	10	6	6	7	5	7	4		
9	12	15	14	3	5	9	4	4	8		
10	17	16	17	9	10	9	7	9	10		
11	24	26	22	13	12	8	15	11	12		
12	23	20	16	13	11	14	9	14	10		
13	27	25	20	13	14	16	17	13	14		
14	35	37	30	22	24	20	23	29	16		
15	52	44	39	28	29	29	37	34	29		
16	72	72	71	43	36	46	64	56	62		
17	78	79	81	42	38	49	61	65	69		
	1,116	1,149	1,094	437	435	487	344	348	350		
Sex of Child											
Male	685	691	645	292	273	306	243	220	226		
Female	431	458	447	145	162	181	101	128	124		
Unknown	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	1,116	1,149	1,094	437	435	487	344	348	350		
Race of Child											
White	775	833	774	283	292	322	246	266	258		
Black	307	293	298	149	136	157	91	74	84		
Other	27	23	22	5	7	8	7	8	8		
Unknown	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	1,116	1,149	1,094	437	435	487	344	348	350		



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DEATH-SCENE INVESTIGATIVE CHECKLIST FOR CHILD FATALITIES

(CORONER	MEDICAL EXAMINER SHOULD PREPARE A	ND SUBMIT TO	CERTIFI	ED CHILD	DEAT	H PATHOLOGIST PRIOR	TO AUTOPSY.)
INSTRUC	TIONS:						
Complete	each numbered item by providing the	appropriate re	esponse	and by m	narking	the completed or <u>no</u>	t completed box
in the lef	t-hand margin. Make every attempt to c	obtain as muc	h inform	ation as	possib		(800) 487-1626.
N	NAME OF DECEDENT:					RACE W= WHITE B = BLACK	SEX
O T	(FIRST) (MI)	/	(LAST)			O = OTHER U = UNKNOWN	□ M □ F
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	SCENE/EVENT ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, ZIP)	l				COUNTY OF SCENE/EVENT:	
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EE	DECEDENT DISCOVERED BY (NAME):					DATE DISCOVERED (MM/DD/Y)): TIME: AM
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			ADDRESS:			,	
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l	delining of the period of the					l	UNKNOWN
	BODY DELIVERED TO PATHOLOGIST BY (NAME & TITLE	n-				DATE DELIVERED (MM/DD/YY)	
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	INVESTIGATING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT			····		REPORT NUMBER	
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	□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN						
2. 🗆 🗆	WHO PLACED THE CALL (NAME & RELATIONSHIP)?		•	DATE (MM/D	D/YY):	TIME:] AM
1					-, , .	_] PM
	CONVEYED TO MEDICAL FACILITY?		BY WHOM	NAME & TITL	E OF REL	ATIONSHIP)?	
	□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
3. 🗆 🗖	NAME AND ADDRESS OF MEDICAL FACILITY:						
	TOTALE AND ADDITION OF MEDICAL PACIENT.						
	WAS DECEDENT PHOTOGRAPHED AT MEDICAL FACILIT	TY?					
	□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN						
4. 🗆 🗆	PHOTOS TAKEN BY (NAME & TITLE):						
	TIME: AM DATE (MM/DD/YY):	PRESENT LOCATION	ON OF FILM/	NEGATIVES/P	BINTS:		
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5. 🗆 🗆	IF NOT EMS, WAS PERSON CPR CERTIFIED?	L					
	□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN						
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	THERE TAS RESUSCITATION INITIATED (HOME, NEIGH	IDON S HOME, HUSI	AL E10.):	•		, S. T. IOH CORG	
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	DESCRIBE IN DETAIL, LOCATION WHERE DECEDENT W.	MO FOUND (BED, FL	oon, noust	-, IAND, VEHI	OLE, INA	SH CONTAINEN, ETC.J:	
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<u></u>			Describe anything unusual found on or around the body, especially anything that may have influenced the death						
7.			(medicine, baby bottle, cleaning agent, bed clothing, etc.).						
			SEIZED? IF YES, BY WHOM (NAME & TITLE)? PRESENT LOCATION OF EVIDENCE:						
			□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN						
			WAS DECEDENT MOVED FROM ORIGINAL POSITION? MOVED BY WHOM (NAME AND RELATIONSHIP)? D NO D YES D UNKNOWN						
8.			WHY MOVED?						
			RIGOR MORTIS (RIGIDITY) WHERE OBSERVED ON DECEDENT? DATE OBSERVED (MM/DD/YY): TIME OBSERVED:						
9.			□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN □ □ □ AM □ PM						
			(DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE OR STRAIGHTEN FIXED EXTREMITIES) LIVOR MORTIS (SETTLING OF BLOOD)? WHERE OBSERVED ON DECEDENT?						
10		П	□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN						
10.	ш	Ш	TIME OBSERVED: CONSISTENT WITH POSITION WHEN FOUND?						
			AM PM NO YES UNKNOWN						
			APPROXIMATE ENVIRONMENTAL TEMPERATURE AT LOCATION OF DEATH (IN FAHRENHEIT DEGREES)?						
11.			IF OUTSIDE, GENERAL WEATHER CONDITIONS:						
			☐ RAINING ☐ SNOWING ☐ SUNNY ☐ OTHER: (DESCRIBE)						
12.			TO THE TOUCH, APPARENT BODY TEMPERATURE OF DECEDENT AT LOCATION OF DEATH? DATE OBSERVED (MM/DD/YY): TIME OBSERVED:						
<u> </u>			□ WARM □ SWEATY □ COLD □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □						
	_	_	DATE DECEDENT LAST SEEN ALIVE (MM/DD/YY)? TIME: AM BY WHOM (NAME & RELATIONSHIP)? PM						
13.		Ц	WHAT WAS THE CONDITION OF THE DECEDENT WHEN LAST SEEN ALIVE?						
14.			WAS DEATH WITNESSED? IF YES, BY WHOM (NAME & RELATIONSHIP)? DESCRIBE DETAILS IN NARRATIVE SECTION.						
<u> </u>			□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN WHAT WAS THE DECEDENT'S ACTIVITY PRIOR TO DEATH (e.g., SLEEPING, PLAYING, ETC.)?						
15.			WHAT WAS THE SECRETARY OF ACTION TO SEATH (6.5., SEELE MA, F. SAIMA, E. G.).						
			APPEARANCE OF DECEDENT WHEN OBSERVED:						
16.			☐ CLEAN ☐ DIRTY ☐ OTHER:						
			DESCRIBE:						
\vdash			CLOTHING WORN? APPROPRIATE?						
17.			□ CLEAN □ DIRTY □ TORN OR DAMAGED □ NO □ YES						
		_	DESCRIBE:						
<u> </u>			CLOTHING SEIZED AND PACKAGED? IF YES, BY WHOM (NAME & TITLE)?						
	_	_	□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN						
18.		ш	PRESENT LOCATION OF EVIDENCE:						
			BODY POSITION WHEN DISCOVERED: ON STOMACH ON BACK SEATED UPRIGHT LEFT SIDE RIGHT SIDE PINNED PINNED OTHER NEEDING NA						
19.			PINNED OR WEDGED BY WHAT?						
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20.			USUAL SLEEPING POSITION?						
<u> </u>			□ ON STOMACH □ ON BACK □ SEATED UPRIGHT □ LEFT SIDE □ RIGHT SIDE POSITION OF FACE (NOSE/MOUTH) WHEN DISCOVERED: WERE PHOTOS TAKEN?						
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			WAS DECEDENT'S FACE IN CONTACT WITH WET SUBSTANCE? SUBSTANCE APPEARED TO BE: □ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN □ WOMIT □ BLOODY FROTH						
22.			☐ FOOD ☐ SALIVA ☐ DRIED SECRETION						
			☐ FORMULA ☐ FROTH ☐ BLOOD TINGED SECRETION						
			OTHER:						
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was found. NOTE: If a crib, describe any defects, damage and/or inappropriate mattress size.	30.			
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31. WAS ANYTHING SEIZED? DESCRIBE: BY WHOM (NAME & TITLE)? PRESENT LOCATION OF ITEM(S):	31	п	П	WAS ANYTHING SEIZED? DESCRIBE: BY WHOM (NAME & TITLE)? PRESENT LOCATION OF ITEM(S):
O NO O YES O UNKNOWN	L	_		□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN
IF SLEEPING, WAS THE DECEDENT SLEEPING ALONE?				
32. D NO YES DUNKNOWN	32.			
IF NO, WHO WAS DECEDENT SLEEPING WITH? (NAME(S), RELATIONSHIP(S), AND AGE(S) NEEDED.)				IF NO, WHO WAS DECEDENT SLEEPING WITH? (NAME(S), RELATIONSHIP(S), AND AGE(S) NEEDED.)
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			ANY POSSIBILITY OF OVERLAYING?	
			□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN	
33.			IF YES, REPORTED RECENT ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION OR DRUG/MEDICINE U	SAGE BY PERSON SI EERING WITH CHILDS
			□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN	STALE STALES OF SELECTING WITH STREET
			IN GENERAL, DO LIVING CONDITIONS APPEAR OVERCROWDED?	
1			□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN	
34.				
l			EXPLAIN:	
			IF ANY INJURY IS NOTED, HOW IS IT ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED?	
35.				
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			Fully describe any indications of terrors as injury in	
			rully describe any indications of trauma or injury in	cluding bruises, scrapes, cuts, rashes, burn marks, swelling,
36.		Ц	etc. Include colors, shapes, sizes and locations on b	ody. (If not at scene, indicate location where body viewed?)
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			IF INJURY WAS INFLICTED, APPARENT OBJECT OR WEAPON USED?	WHO INFLICTED INJURY (NAME & RELATIONSHIP)?
37.				
			WAS OBJECT SEIZED?	SEIZED BY WHOM (NAME & TITLE)?
			□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN	
			PRESENT LOCATION OF OBJECT/WEAPON:	
			IF INJURY RESULTED FROM A FALL, DESCRIBE WHAT DECEDENT FELL FROM,	THE DISTANCE OF THE FALL AND SURFACE DECEDENT FELL ON (CARPET, CONCRETE,
20		П	GROUND, ETC.). USE NARRATIVE SECTION, IF NECESSARY.	
30.	_			
			IF INJURY RESULTED FROM A BURN, DESCRIBE APPARENT CAUSE (HOT WATE	P CICAPETTE CHEMICAL ETC.)
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39.		Ц		
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			HAS DECEDENT HAD OTHER SERIOUS INJURIES DURING THE LAST YEAR?	
40.			□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN	
			EXPLAIN:	
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			HAS DECEDENT HAD A RECENT ILLNESS?	
41		$_{\Box}$	□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN	
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42.			Has decedent been exposed to any contagious disease recently? No Yes Unknown If yes, explain:
			Symptoms Noted: Appetite change
			☐ Sniffles ☐ Cough ☐ Diarrhea ☐ Cold ☐ Irritability ☐ Runny nose
			☐ Congestion ☐ Other: ☐ None noted
			☐ Fever ☐ How high?
			WAS DECEDENT TAKEN FOR TREATMENT FOR PREVIOUS SYMPTOMS?
43.			□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN
l			WHERE WAS TREATMENT RECEIVED (NAME OF FACILITY)? WHO PROVIDED TREATMENT (NAME & TITLE)?
			IF YES, WHAT DIAGNOSIS WAS RENDERED?
			HAS DECEDENT BEEN ON MEDICATION? IF YES, NAME OF MEDICATION:
44.			HAS DECEDENT RECEIVED RECENT IMMUNIZATION? IF YES, WHAT TYPE?
			□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN
			IF YES, NAME OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONER/CLINIC:
L			ANY KNOWN ALLERGIES OR PREVIOUS REACTIONS TO SHOTS OR MEDICATIONS?
			□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN
45.	Ц	ш	IF YES, EXPLAIN:
-			WHEN HAD DECEDENT LAST EATEN? TIME: MHAT WAS EATEN OR INGESTED?
46.			DATE (MMD/DD/YY): PM
			QUANTITY EATEN? ANY FEEDING/EATING DIFFICULTIES (PAST OR RECENT)? Describe:
Г			ANY KNOWN FOOD INTOLERANCE?
47.			U NO U YES U UNKNOWN IF YES, WHAT FOODS?
48.			IF INFANT, WAS DECEDENT BREAST FED? FORMULA FED? IF YES:
			□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN □ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN FORMULA BRAND: HAD DECEDENT RECEIVED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WITHIN THE LAST 48 HOURS?
		_	HAD DECEDENT RECEIVED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WITHIN THE LAST 46 HOURS?
49.		П	□ COW'S MILK □ GOAT'S MILK □ HONEY
<u></u>			☐ WATERED DOWN FORMULA ☐ UNKNOWN OTHER:
	_	_	HAS DECEDENT BEEN UNDER ROUTINE CARE OF A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER?
50.			IF YES, PRACTITIONER'S NAME/CLINIC:
			DESCRIBE CHILD'S GENERAL TEMPERAMENT (e.g., COLICKY, FUSSY, HYPERACTIVE, QUIET, ETC.):
			Name, age, and any known serious medical conditions of natural parents:
51.			
			Mother (include maiden name):
			Father:
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52.			WHO DOES DECEDENT LIVE WITH IF DIFFERENT FROM PARENT(S) (NAME, ADDRESS & RELATIONSHIP)?
53.			NAME, AGE, DOB AND ANY KNOWN SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITIONS OF SIBLINGS?
54.			WHO ARE THE DECEDENT'S REGULAR PLAYMATES (NAMES & ADDRESSES)?
55		П	IF PARENT(S) EMPLOYED, WHO ROUTINELY PROVIDED CHILD CARE FOR THE DECEDENT (NAME/ADDRESS/RELATIONSHIP)?
33.	_		WAS SIBLING RESPONSIBLE FOR CARING FOR THE DECEDENT AT TIME OF DEATH? IF YES, WHICH SIBLING(S)? NO YES UNKNOWN
56.			KNOWN MATERNAL PRE-NATAL HEALTH PROBLEMS (DIABETES, HYPERTENSION, ETC.)? NO YES UNKNOWN IF YES, DESCRIBE:
			WAS MOTHER TAKING PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION FOR ABOVE MEDICAL CONDITION DURING PREGNANCY? NO PES UNKNOWN
			IF YES, WHAT TYPE MEDICATION?
E 7			PRE-NATAL MATERNAL CIGARETTE, ALCOHOL OR DRUG USAGE? NO YES UNKNOWN
37.	L		IF YES: ☐ HEROIN ☐ MARIJUANA ☐ METHAMPHETAMINE ☐ ALCOHOL ☐ CIGARETTES ☐ COCAINE OTHER:
	_	_	KNOWN COMPLICATIONS OF PREGNANCY OR DELIVERY?
58.			IF YES, EXPLAIN:
			LOCATION OF BIRTH AND NAME OF ATTENDING MEDICAL PRACTITIONER:
	_	_	BIRTH DEFECTS OR OTHER ABNORMALITIES OF DECEDENT AT BIRTH; DESCRIBE:
59.		Ц	
			ANY FAMILY HISTORY OF SIDS OR OTHER INFANT DEATH?
60.			L NO L YES L UNKNOWN IF YES, DESCRIBE DETAILS INCLUDING DATE OF DEATH & LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE:
			FAMILY MEMBER OR OTHER CARE GIVER WITH KNOWN HISTORY OF AIDS?
			□ NO □ YES □ UNKNOWN IF YES, PROVIDE NAME AND RELATIONSHIP:
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NARRATIV	E
61. 🗆 🗆	Provide additional comments (to include name(s) and pedigree(s) of all persons and responders at scene), continued answers to questions (include question number being responded to) or any other information pertinent to the death scene investigation. Use additional pages as needed.
1.	F INVESTIGATOR: PHONE NUMBER DATE (MM/DD/YY):
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Œ		DIVISION OF FAMILY					STA	TE USE ONLY	DATA
ſŜ		TO BE COMPLETED FO					DEATH CERT. NO.	BIRTH CERT. NO.	FORM
IN	STRUCTI	ONS					CFRP CASE NO.	DECEDENT DCN	
No	tify Child	Abuse/Neglect Hotline	(800-392-37	738) of all deaths of c	hildren	<18 years of age.		CA/N INCIDENT NO.	
		illness/injury/event is d before forwarding to co							
1		anel chairperson of the			•	, , ,	a. NATURAL	d. HOMICIDE	
	•	ne form with all know	vn informatio	n and forward to the	ne pane	l chairperson for	b. ACCIDENT	e. UNDETERMINE	D
Sig	gnature.						c. SUICIDE	f. PENDING	
Α.	IDENTIF	ICATION INFORMATI	ON						
1.		ess/injury/event is in M ess/injury/event occurr				couri Complete S	action A anh		
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			STATE USE ONLY			STATE USE ONLY			STATE USE ONLY
5. C	ECEDENT'S I	NAME (FIRST, MI, LAST)				6. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/	DD/YY)	7. DATE OF DEATH (MM/DD/Y	Υ)
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8. S		9. RAC	7					10. IS DECEDENT OF HISPAN	NIC ORIGIN?
í	MALE	ļ _	J WHITE	c. ASIAN/PACIFIC		-	_] UNKNOWN		
	MOTHER'S N	b. L AME (FIRST, MAIDEN, LAST)	BLACK	d. LAMERICAN INC	DIAN/ALASI	CAN NATIVE		a. L YES b. L N	10
'''		THE (FINO), MAIDEN, ENOTY						12. MOTHER'S DATE OF BIRT	н
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		IONS FOR REVIEW -							
1.		that apply to this fatalit	y. If one or m	ore indicators are ap	plicable	, RSMo. 210.192 r	equires that the	e case shall be referr	ed to the
	a. Sudden, unexplained death, age <1 year b. Unexplained/undetermined manner c. DFS reports on decedent or other persons in the residence d. Decedent in DFS custody e. Possible inadequate supervision f. Possible malnutrition or delay in seeking medical care g. Possible suicide h. Possible inflicted injury i. Firearm injury j. Injury not witnessed by person in charge at time of injury k. Confinement l. Suspicious/criminal activity m. Drowning n. Suffocation or strangulation o. Poison/chemical/drug ingestion p. Severe unexplained injury q. Pedestrian/bicycle/driveway injury r. Drug/alcohol-related vehicular injury s. Suspected sexual assault t. Fire injury u. Autopsy by certified child death pathologist v. Panel discretion w. Other suspicious findings (injuries such as electrocution, crush or fall)								
		o Panel (Mark one)							
	a. U On b. No	e or more of the indica ne of the indicators lis	ators marked ted apply in t	above apply in this fa his fatality. The case	atality. T is not re	he case shall be the standard shall be the	referred to the el.	review panel.	
C.	CHILD A	BUSE/NEGLECT HO	TLINE (800-3	92-3738)					
No	tify Child	Abuse/Neglect Hotli	ne of all dea	ths of children <18	years o	of age.			
1		re prior reports to the (ork all that apply:	Child Abuse/I	Neglect Hotline? a.	☐ Yes	b. 🗌 No			
1	_	olving child			۰	las arbitana a a a a a a a a	/-M "	** *	
		olving child olving anyone else in fa	amily		3. □ 4. □	Involving caretake Total number of D	er (other than fa PFS reports	amily)	
2.	Current n	otification to Child Abu	se/Neglect H	otline was accepted	as:				
l	_	rmation/Referral only	-	b. Report for in		ition	c. Unkno	own	
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D. SOCIAL INFORMATION								
	I. For all persons living in the residence of the decedent, indicate their relationship to the decedent, their age range, and who is head of household. (Select only one head of household)							
Use corresponding letter for appropria	ate age range:							
A = 0.5 yrs. $B = 6.9 yrs.$	C = 10-14 yrs. D	= 15-18 yrs.	E = 19-40 yrs.	F = >40 yrs.				
a. Natural father b. Natural mother c. Adoptive father d. Adoptive mother e. Stepfather f. Stepmother g. Foster father h. Foster mother	Age Head of Range Household	i.		Age Range	Head of Household			
2. Current marital status of head of h			_					
a. Married b. Widowed	c. Divorced d. Never married		e. Unknown					
E. DEATH/SCENE INFORMATION								
b. Other home f.	Public drive Street Private drive	i. Other priva j. Licensed c k. Unlicensed l. Child care	hild care facility I child care facility	m. Body of wat n. Work place o. Hospital p. Other:	ter			
2. Date of injury/event?	i. 🗆/	(MM/DD/YY)	b.	Unknown				
1	ı. 🗆 <u>— </u>			Unknown				
1	ı. 🗆 <u> </u>		_	Unknown				
5. Was an autopsy performed? a	ı. 🗌 Yes b. 🗌 No	c. Unknow	า					
If yes: 1. ☐ By CFRP pathologist? 2. ☐ By hospital physician?	(1)			certified child patholo a known medical cor				
3. Name of CFRP pathologist? (La	ast name only)							
F. SUPERVISION								
1. Who was in charge of watching th	e decedent at the time of	f injury/event?						
a. \(\sum \) Natural father b. \(\sum \) Natural mother c. \(\sum \) Adoptive father d. \(\sum \) Adoptive mother e. \(\sum \) Stepfather f. \(\sum \) Stepmother	g.	ther tive nale paramour	n. o. p. q.	Unlicensed babysitte Child, age: Hospital staff Other non-relative No one in charge of Due to age, no one	_ watching			
2. Was the decedent adequately sup	pervised? a. 🗆 Yes	b. 🗆 No c. 🗆	Unknown d.	☐ Not applicable				
If no: 1. Did the person(s) in charge ap injury/event?		nder influence of d	rugs, mentally ill oi	r limited, or otherwise	impaired at time of			
2. Was the person(s) preoccupied a. \square Yes b. \square No c.	d, distracted or asleep at Unknown	the time of the inju	ry/event?					
3. Was injury/event witnessed by at	least one person? a.	Yes b.	No c. 🗌 Unkn	own				
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	S. CAUSE OF DEATH Select most appropriate cause of death and if applicable, complete Section H)							
	I. ☐ INJURY (Complete questions 1 and 2 for <u>all</u> injuries)							
	1.	I. Was the injury inflicted? a. □ Yes b. □ No c. □ Unknown (Inflicted - defined as assaultive or aggressive action)						
:	2.	2. Was the injury intentional? a. ☐ Yes b. ☐ No c. ☐ Unknown						
		ehicle accident, non-reviewable, answer questions 3 through 9. If reviewable vehicle accident (pedestrian/bicycle g/alcohol related or other suspicious/criminal activity), skip the following questions and complete Section H.	/driveway injury,					
;		a. Operator c. Other b. Passenger d. Unknown						
		4. Vehicle in which decedent was occupant? a. □ Car c. □ Motorcycle/ATV e. □ Semi/Tractor trailer unit b. □ Truck/RV/Van d. □ Farm vehicle f. □ Other						
	5.	5. Was another vehicle involved in accident? a. ☐ Yes b. ☐ No						
		a. Normal c. Wet e. Other b. Loose gravel d. loe or snow f. Unknown						
		7. Restraint used by decedent? a. Present, not used c. Used correctly e. Unknown b. None in vehicle d. Used incorrectly f. Not applicable						
		Helmet used by decedent? a. ☐ Helmet worn b. ☐ Helmet not worn c. ☐ Not applicable						
		9. Primary cause of accident? a. Speeding c. Mechanical failure e. Driver error b. Carelessness d. Weather conditions f. Other						
2.		☐ ILLNESS OR OTHER NATURAL CAUSE						
	1.	1. Known condition						
		2. Was inadequate care or neglect involved in death? a. ☐ Yes b. ☐ No (If yes, mark Section H, Number 2)						
Со	mţ	mplete questions 3 - 8 if death in infant <1 year of age.						
	3.	3. History information provided by? a. ☐ Parent b. ☐ Physician/Medical facility c. ☐ Other						
		4. Age at death? a. □ 0 - 24 hours after birth b. □ 24 - 48 hours c. □ 48 hours - 6 weeks e. □ 6 months - 1 year d. □ 6 weeks - 6 months						
	5.	5. Gestational age? a. □ <25 weeks b. □ 25 - 30 weeks c. □ 30-37 weeks d. □ >37 weeks e. □ Unknown						
		6. Birth weight in grams (approximate lbs./oz.)? a.	n					
		8. Have there been other infant deaths in the immediate family? a. \square Yes b. \square No c. \square Unknown						
3.		UNKNOWN CAUSE (Describe in narrative. <u>Death shall be reviewed</u> .)						
		1. Was death sudden and unexplained in infant <1 year of age? a. ☐ Yes b. ☐ No If yes, also complete Section G, Number 2, questions 3 - 8 and mark Section H, Number 1.						
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H. CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH		
If any of the circumstances are applicable, death shall be review	ved.	
1. Sudden Unexplained Death of Infant <1 Year 2. Inadequate Care or Neglect 3. Vehicular (Includes pedestrian/bicycle/driveway injury, drug/alcohol related, or other suspicious/criminal activity) 4. Drowning 5. Firearm 6. Suffocation/Strangulation 7. Electrocution	8.	9
I. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES OR OTHER	COMMENTS	
J. PREVENTION 1. To what degree was this death believed to be preventable? (Preventable death is defined as one in which awareness/educations)		community may have changed the
circumstances that led to death.) a. Not at all b. Possibly c.	☐ Definitely	
2. Primary risk factors involved in the child's death? (Mark all that ap	(ylad	
a. 🔲 Medical c. 🔲 Economic e.		Orugs or alcohol Other
3. Were these risk factors identified in your community prior to the d	eath? a. 🗌 Yes b. 🗌 No)
4. Was any action taken in your community to address the risk facto	rs prior to this death? a. \square Y	es b. 🗌 No
5. Could the family or child have taken actions to reduce the risk?		
a. 🗆 Yes b. 🗀 No c.	Unknown	
6. What actions can be taken by your community to prevent similar of	leaths.	
 a. Legislation, law or ordinance b. Community safety project c. Product safety action d. Educational activities in school e. Educational activities in the media 	f. ☐ Public forums g. ☐ News services h. ☐ Changes in agency practic i. ☐ Other programs or activities j. ☐ None	
CORONER/MEDICAL EXAMINER SIGNATURE	REFER TO CFRP?	DATE (MM/DD/YY)
>	a. 🗆 YES b. 🗆 NO	//
CFRP CHAIR SIGNATURE	REFER TO CFRP?	DATE (MM/DD/YY)
>	a. 🗆 YES b. 🗆 NO	//
REGIONAL COORDINATOR SIGNATURE		DATE (MM/DD/YY)
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MISSOURI DEPARTME	ENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES				
	REVIEW PANEL DATA F	REPORT		E USE ONLY	DATA FORM
	ALL REVIEWABLE CHILD DEAT		DEATH CERT, NO.	BIRTH CERT. NO.	2
INSTRUCTIONS			CFRP CASE NO.	DECEDENT DCN	
Notify Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline (8	300-392-3738) of all deaths of	children <18 years of age.		CA/N INCIDENT NO.	
Complete the form with all known in					
forty-five days of the death.	iornation and lorward to the	regional coordinator within	a. NATURAL	d. HOMICIDE	
		•	b. ACCIDENT c. SUICIDE	e. UNDETERMINED	
A. IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION	N				
1. COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	2. COUNTY OF ILLNESS/II STATE USE ONLY	NJURY/EVENT STATE USE ONLY	3. COUNTY OF DEAT		
	OTATE OSE OFFET	STATE USE ONLY		ST	ATE USE ONLY
4. DECEDENT'S NAME (FIRST, MI, LAST)		5. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/D	DD/YY)	6. DATE OF DEATH (MM/DD/YY)	
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7. SEX 8. RACE	1		_'	9. IS DECEDENT OF HISPANIC	OBIGINI2
a. MALE		FIC ISLANDER e.	JUNKNOWN	3. TO DECEDENT OF HISPANIC	Oniding
b. FEMALE b. BI 10. MOTHER'S NAME (FIRST, MAIDEN, LAST)	LACK d. LAMERICAN II	NDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE		a. YES b. NO	
TO. MOTTLER S NAME (FIRST, MAIDEN, LAST)				11. MOTHER'S DATE OF BIRTH (I	MM/DD/YY)
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B. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT HOTLI					
Were there prior reports to the Ch	ild Abuse/Neglect Hotline?	a. 🗌 Yes b. 🔲 No			
If yes, mark all that apply:					
Involving child Involving anyone else in fan	nily	 Involving caretake Total number of D 	er (other than fa	imily)	
2. Current notification to Child Abuse			,		
a. 🗌 Information/Referral only		b. Report for investig	gation		
C. SOCIAL INFORMATION					
For all persons living in the reside household. (Select only one head	ence of the decedent, indicate of household)	their relationship to the de	cedent, their ag	ge range, and who is t	nead of
Use corresponding letter for appropria	•				
A = 0-5 yrs. B = 6-9 yrs.		. 19 years		40	
B = 0 0 y/s.	•	-18 yrs. E = 19-40 yr	'S. F = >4	40 yrs.	
	Age Head of Range Household			Age Head of Range Household	ı
a. Natural father		i. Dother relative			!
b. Natural mother		j. 🔲 Other relative			
c. Adoptive fatherd. Adoptive mother		k. Mother's paramou			
e. Stepfather		I. Father's paramour			
f. Stepmother		m. Other non-relative	' –		
g. Foster father		o. Another child	_	片	
h. Foster mother		p. More than two chi	– Idren (list in nar	rative)	
2. Current marital status of head of h	ousehold?				
a. Married	c. Divorced	e. 🗌 Unknow	n		
b. Widowed	d. Never married	o. 🗀 Olikilowi	''		
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D.	DEATH/SCENE INFORMATION					
1.	Place of death?					
	a. Decedent's home	e. \square Public drive i. \square Other private property	m. Body of water			
	b. Cother home	f. Street j. Licensed child care facil				
	c. Line Rural road	g. Private drive k. Unlicensed child care fa h. Farm I. Child care residential fa				
	d. Li Highway		Citity p. Cottler.			
2.	Date of injury/event?	a / / (MM/DD/YY)	b. Unknown			
3.	Time of injury/event?	a	b. Unknown			
4.	Time pronounced dead?	a (Hour:Minute) AM PM	b. Unknown			
5.	Autopsy performed by?	a. CFRP Pathologist (Last Name Only) Discrete Control Not performed				
Ε.	SUPERVISION					
1.	Who was in charge of watching	the decedent at the time of injury/event?				
	a. 🔲 Natural father		m. Unlicensed babysitter/child care worker			
	b. Natural mother		n. Child, age:			
	c.		o. Hospital staff p. Other non-relative			
	e. Stepfather		q. \(\sum \) No one in charge of watching			
	f. Stepmother		r. Due to age, no one in charge			
2.	Was the decedent adequately s	upervised? a. 🗌 Yes b. 🗌 No c. 🗌 Unknown	d. Not applicable			
	If no: 1. Did the person(s) in charge appear to be intoxicated, under influence of drugs, mentally ill or limited, or otherwise impaired at time of					
	injury/event?	. Unknown	, iii o, iiiiiiico, o, oiiiciiiico iii paiico actaiiii			
		ed, distracted or asleep at the time of the injury/event?				
		. Unknown				
3.	Was injury/event witnessed by a	t least one person? a. ☐ Yes b. ☐ No c. ☐	Unknown			
F.	PANEL FINDINGS					
1.	Date of first panel meeting?	a. 🗆 / (MM/DD/YY)				
2.	Panel members participating?					
	a. Coroner	e. 🔲 EMS	h. 🔲 Juvenile officer			
	b. Prosecutor	f. Medical examiner	i. U Optional member			
	c. ☐ DFS workerd. ☐ Public health/Physician	g. Law enforcement officer	j. Doptional member			
3.	Total number of meetings held?	a. ☐ One b. ☐ Two c. ☐ Three or more				
	Death scene investigation condu					
7.	a. By law enforcement	c. By medical examiner e. By fire inves	stigator g. \square Not conducted			
	b. By coroner	d. By EMS f. By other ag	•			
5.	Investigation by law enforcemen	t?				
	a. \square Conducted, no arrest	b. Conducted, arrest for:	c. Pending d. Not conducted			
6.	Investigation/evaluation by juver	nile officer?				
	a. \square Conducted, no action	b. \square Conducted, juvenile court action	c. \square Pending d. \square Not conducted			
7.	Review of records by Departme	nt of Health?				
	a. \square Conducted, no action	b. \square Conducted, services provided	c. \square Pending d. \square Not conducted			
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8. Review of history by Division of Family Services?
a. ☐ Conducted, no action c. ☐ Conducted, case investigation e. ☐ Not conducted b. ☐ Conducted, services provided d. ☐ Pending
9. Action by prosecutor?
a. ☐ Suspected perpetrator, no charge filed c. ☐ Pending or in progress d. ☐ No action
10. Review of medical/trip records by EMS?
a. Conducted, no action b. Conducted, services provided c. Pending d. Not conducted
11. Did the review lead to additional investigation? a. Yes b. No
12. Were additional services provided as a result of the review? a. Yes b. No
13. Were changes in agency policies or practices recommended as a result of the review? a. Yes b. No
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G. PERSON(S) ARRESTED/CHARGED If no arrest or charge, go to Section H
1. Number of person(s) arrested/charged? a. One b. Two c. Three or more
2. Number of persons arrested or charged under 18 years of age?
a. □ One b. □ Two c. □ Three or more d. □ Not applicable
3. Was one or more of the persons arrested or charged responsible for supervision of the child at time of fatal illness/injury/event? a. Yes b. No
4. Indicate the relationship of the person(s) arrested or charged to the decedent.
a.
c. Adoptive father i. Other relative o. Acquaintance
d. Adoptive mother j. Sibling p. Other non-relative
e. Stepfather k. Parent's male paramour q. Other non-relative f. Stranger r. Stranger
H. CAUSE OF DEATH
Complete Section appropriate to death
1. INJURY (If marked, also complete Section I)
1. Was the injury inflicted? a. Yes b. No c. Unknown (Inflicted - defined as assaultive or aggressive action)
2. Was the injury intentional? a. 🗌 Intentional b. 🗍 Unintentional/Accidental c. 🗀 Unknown
3. If intentional, was decedent? a. Intended victim b. Random victim
4. Person(s) inflicting injury? (Mark all that apply)
a. 🗌 Self e. 🗋 Stepfather i. 🗋 Other relative m. 🔲 Sibling
b. Mother f. Mother's paramour j. Acquaintance n. Other child
c. ☐ Father g. ☐ Father's paramour k. ☐ Friend o. ☐ Stranger d. ☐ Stepmother h. ☐ Foster parent l. ☐ Child care worker p. ☐ Unknown
5. Age of primary person inflicting injury? a
6. Race of primary person inflicting injury?
a. White c. Asian/Pacific Islander e. Unable to determine
b. 🗌 Black d. 🗎 American Indian/Alaskan Native f. 🗀 Unknown
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9.	Wa	as the injury drug related? a. 🗌 Yes b. 🗌 No c. 🗌 Unknown
10	. Wa	as the injury gang related? a. Yes b. No c. Unknown
11	. Die	d the injury occur during commission of a crime? a. Yes b. No c. Unknown
12	. If s	suicide: (Mark all that apply)
	b.	☐ Prior attempts ☐ Talked of suicide ☐ Prior mental health problems c. ☐ Had previously received mental health services d. ☐ Suicide completely unexpected
2.		ILLNESS OR OTHER NATURAL CAUSE (If applicable, complete Inadequate Care or Neglect in Section I)
		☐ Known Condition
C	omp	olete questions 2 - 11 if natural cause death in infant <1 year of age (INCLUDING SIDS)
	2.	Age at death?
		a. \square 0 - 24 hours after birth c. \square 48 hours - 6 weeks e. \square 6 months - 1 year b. \square 24 - 48 hours d. \square 6 weeks - 6 months
	3.	Gestational age at birth?
		a. \square <25 weeks b. \square 25 - 30 weeks c. \square 30 - 37 weeks d. \square >37 weeks e. \square Unknown
	4.	Birth weight in grams (approximate lbs./oz.)?
		a. □ < 750 (<1 lb. 10 oz.) c. □ 1,500 - 2,499 (3 lbs. 6 oz. to 5 lbs. 5 oz.) e. □ Unknown b. □ 750 - 1,499 (1 lb. 10 oz. to 3 lbs. 5 oz.) d. □ >2,500 (>5 lbs. 6 oz.)
	5.	Multiple birth? a. ☐ Yes b. ☐ No
	6.	Total number of prenatal visits?
		a. None b. 1-3 c. 4-6 d. 7-10 e. Unknown
	7.	First prenatal visit occurred during?
		a. \square First trimester b. \square Second trimester c. \square Third trimester d. \square Unknown
	8.	Medical complications during pregnancy? a. ☐ Yes b. ☐ No c. ☐ Unknown
	9.	Smoking during pregnancy? a. \square Yes b. \square No c. \square Unknown
	10	. Drug use during pregnancy? a. □ Yes b. □ No c. □ Unknown
	11	. Alcohol use during pregnancy? a. ☐ Yes b. ☐ No c. ☐ Unknown
3.	. 🗆	UNKNOWN CAUSE (Describe in narrative)
		CUMSTANCES OF DEATH
1.		SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (Also complete Section H-2, questions 2-11)
	1.	Position of decedent at discovery?
		a. On stomach, face down c. On stomach, face position unknown e. On side b. On stomach, face to side d. On back f. Unknown
	2.	Normal sleeping position?
		a. \square On Back b. \square On stomach c. \square On side d. \square Varies e. \square Unknown
	3.	Location of decedent when found?
		a. Crib b. Playpen c. Bed d. Couch e. Floor f. Other g. Unknown
	4.	Was decedent sleeping alone?
		a. 🗌 Yes b. 🗋 No c. 🗋 Unknown
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2. [. INADEQUATE CARE OR NEGLECT (Mark all that apply)						
t).).	☐ Apparent lack of supervision ☐ Apparent lack of medical car ☐ Munchausen Syndrome by P ☐ Failure to Thrive (non-organic	e f. [roxy g. [Malnutritio Dehydratio Oral water Delayed m	n intoxication		uate medical attention hospital birth
3. [VEHICLE ACCIDENT					
1	١.	Position of decedent?					
		a. ☐ Operator b. ☐ Pedestrian	c. \square Passer d. \square Bicyclis			e. 🗌 Other f. 🔲 Unknov	vn
2	2.	Vehicle in which decedent was o	ccupant?				
		a. ☐ Car b. ☐ Truck/RV/Van c. ☐ Motorcycle	d.	r	h. 🔲 All-ter	farm vehicle rain vehicle Tractor trailer unit	j. ☐ Other k. ☐ Not applicable
3	3.	Vehicle in which decedent was r	ot occupant?				
		a. Car Car Car Car Car Car Car Ca	d.	r	h. 🔲 All-ter	farm vehicle rain vehicle Tractor trailer unit	j. ☐ Other k. ☐ Not applicable
4	1.	Condition of road?					
		a. \square Normal b. \square Loose	gravel c. 🗆 W	et d. \square	Ice or snow	e. \square Other f.	Unknown
5	5.	Restraint used?					
		a. ☐ Present, not usedb. ☐ None in vehicle	c. Used o			e. 🔲 Unknov f. 🔲 Not app	
6	6.	Helmet used?					
		a. Helmet worn	b. 🗌 Helmet	not worn		c. 🗌 Not app	olicable
7	7.	Alcohol and/or other drug use?					
		a. Decedent impairedb. Driver of decedent's vehice	le impaired		c. Driver of o	ther vehicle impaire able	d
ε	3.	Primary cause of accident?					
		a. ☐ Speeding b. ☐ Carelessness	c. Mechanical fa		e. 🗌 Driver f. 🗌 Other		g. 🔲 Unknown
4. [DROWNING					
1	١.	Place of drowning?					
		a. Lake, river, pond or creekb. Bathtub	c. ☐ Swimm d. ☐ Well/Ci			Bucket Wading pool	g. Other h. Unknown
2	2.	Activity at time of drowning?					
		a. ☐ Boating b. ☐ Playing at water's edge	c. 🗌 Swimm d. 🔲 Playing			Other Unknown	
3	3.	Was decedent wearing a floatation	on device?	a. 🗌 Yes	b. 🗌 No		
4	ļ.	Did decedent enter area of wate	r unattended?	a. 🗌 Yes	b. 🗌 No	c. 🗌 Unknown	d. Not applicable
5	5.	Could decedent swim?		a. 🗌 Yes	b. 🗌 No	c. 🗌 Unknown	d. Not applicable
ε	6.	Were alcohol or drugs a factor?		a. 🗌 Yes	b. 🗌 No		
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_	$\overline{\Box}$	FIREARM
Э.		
	1.	Person handling the firearm?
		a. ☐ Decedent b ☐ Family member c. ☐ Acquaintance d. ☐ Stranger e.☐ Unknown
	2.	Type of firearm?
		a. Handgun b. Rifle c. Shotgun d. Other e. Unknown
	3.	Age of person handling firearm? a Unknown
	4.	Use of firearm at time of injury?
		a. Shooting at other person d. Target shooting g. Playing b. Shooting at self e. Loading firearm f. Hunting i. Unknown
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	Э.	Did person handling firearm attend safety classes? a. ☐ Yes b. ☐ No c. ☐ Unknown
6.		SUFFOCATION/STRANGULATION
	1.	Cause of suffocation/strangulation?
		a. Other person overlaying or rolling over decedent b. Wedging c. Food d. Other person's hand(s) e. Object covering decedent's mouth/nose f. Object exerting pressure on victim's neck/chest g. Small object or toy in mouth i. Other j. Unknown
	2.	If sleeping, location of decedent at the time?
		a.
	3.	If sleeping, was decedent sleeping alone?
		a. Yes b. No c. Unknown
	4.	If bedding was involved:
		Was the design of bed hazardous? a. □ Yes
		2. Was decedent placed on soft bedding? a. ☐ Yes b. ☐ No c. ☐ Unknown
		3. Was there improper use of bedding? a. □ Yes b. □ No c. □ Unknown
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7.		ELECTROCUTION
	1.	Source of electricity?
		a. Water contact c. Electrical outlet e. Tool g. Other b. Electrical wire d. Appliance f. Lightening h. Unknown
8.		FALL INJURY
	1.	Fall was from?
		a. Open window c. Natural elevation e. Man-made elevation b. Furniture d. Stairs or steps f. Other
	2.	. Height of fall? a. □ # feet b. □ Unknown
		Landing surface composition/hardness? a. Carpet b. Concrete c. Ground d. Other
		. Was decedent in a baby walker? a. ☐ Yes b. ☐ No c. ☐ Not applicable
		. Was decedent thrown or pushed down? a. Yes b. No c. Unknown
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9. DOISONING/OVERDOSE		
Type of poisoning?		
a. ☐ Prescription medicine b. ☐ Over-the-counter medicine c. ☐ Chemical d. ☐ Illega e. ☐ Alcoh		g.
2. Was substance in safety packaging?		
a. 🗌 Yes b. 🗌 No c. 🗔 Unknown d.	☐ Not applicable	
3. Location of drug or chemical?		
a. \square In closed, secured area b. \square In closed,	unsecured area c. In open area	
10. FIRE/BURN		
1. If fire, the source?		
a. ☐ Matches c. ☐ Cigarette b. ☐ Lighter d. ☐ Combustibles	e. ☐ Explosives g. ☐ Spac f. ☐ Fireworks h. ☐ Fault	ee heater i.
2. Smoke alarm present? a. ☐ Yes	b. 🗌 No c. 🗌 Unknown	d. \square Not applicable
3. Smoke alarm in working order? a. ☐ Yes	b. 🗌 No c. 🔲 Unknown	d. Not applicable
4. Fire started by? a. ☐ Decedent	b. Other c. No one	d. Unknown
5. Activity of person starting fire?		
a. ☐ Playing c. ☐ Cooking b. ☐ Smoking d. ☐ Suspected	e. Other arson f. Unknown	g. \square Not applicable
6. Construction of fire site?		
a. 🗌 Wood frame b. 🗌 Brick/stone	c. \square Metal d. \square Trailer	e. \square Other f. \square Not applicable
7. Multiple fire injuries or deaths? a. \(\subseteq \text{Yes} \)	b. 🗆 No	
8. For structure fire, where was decedent found?		
a. 🗌 Hiding b. 🔲 In bed	c. Stairway d. Close to ex	it e. □Other
9. Did decedent know of a fire escape plan?		
a. ☐ Yes b. ☐ No c. ☐ Unknown	d. Not applicable	
10. If burn, the source?		
a. Hot water b. Appliance	c. Cigarettes d. Heater	e. Chemical f. Other
11. CRUSH (Non-vehicle) (Describe in narrative)		
1. Where did crush occur? a. Indoors b.	Outdoors	
12. CONFINEMENT		
1. Place of confinement?		
	t/Box/Locker e. n/Building	☐ Other
13. SHAKEN/IMPACT SYNDROME		
1. Prior history of abuse?		
a. 🗌 Yes b. 🔲 No	·	
2. Suspected cause?		
a. Crying b. Disobedience c. F	Feeding difficulty d. \square Toilet training	ng e. 🗌 Other f. 🗌 Unknown
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14. OTHER INFLICTED INJURY						
1. Manner of injury?						
a. ☐ Cut/stabbed b. ☐ Struck c. ☐ Thrown d. ☐ Other e. ☐ Unknown						
2. Injury inflicted with?						
a. Sharp object (e.g., knife, scissors) c. Hands/feet e. Unknown b. Blunt object (e.g., hammer, bat) d. Other						
15. OTHER CAUSE (Describe in narrative)						
J. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES OR OTHER COMMENTS						
K. SERVICES PROVIDED						
List services provided by agencies as a result of the death. (Mark all that apply)						
a. Bereavement counseling d. Emergency shelter g. Health care j. No services b. Economic support e. Mental health services h. Legal services c. Funeral arrangements f. Social services i. Other						
L. PREVENTION						
1. To what degree was this death believed to be preventable? a. \(\subseteq \text{Not at all} \) b. \(\subseteq \text{Possibly} \) c. \(\subseteq \text{Definitely} \)						
2. Primary risk factors involved in the child's death? (Mark all that apply) a. Medical c. Economic e. Environmental g. Drugs or alcohol b. Social d. Behavioral f. Product safety h. Other						
3. Were these risk factors identified in your community prior to the death? a. Yes b. No	:					
4. Was any action taken in your community to address the risk factors prior to this death? a. \square Yes b. \square No						
5. Could the family or child have taken actions to reduce the risk? a. Yes b. No c. Unknown						
6. What prevention activities have been proposed since the death? (Mark all that apply) a.						
7. Target populations for prevention activities? (Mark all that apply) a. Children c. Parents/Care givers e. Others b. General public d. Child protection professionals						
8. Estimated costs for prevention? a. □ No cost involved						
9. Lead organization?						
a. Health/Medical services d. Schools g. Other b. Social services e. Mental health services c. Law enforcement f. Local community group						
CFRP CHAIR SIGNATURE DATE (MM/DD/YY)						
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